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Port Almanac—Dec. 28.

Sun Rises	7.10 A M
Sun Sets	4 54 P M
Day's Length	9 h 44 m
High Water at Southport	10 58 P M
High Water at Wilmington	12.38 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 28.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 34°; 8 p. m., 43°; maximum, 50°; minimum, 33°; mean, 42°. Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 4.87.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A light depression is central over Missouri, elsewhere over the country the barometer is above the normal, with highest over the Lakes, the far Northwest and Southwest. Fair moderate weather prevails over all sections of the country, with light precipitation during the day along the Lakes; and over the upper Mississippi valley. It is warmer over the Southern States and cooler over the far Northwest and lower Lakes.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Tuesday: Fair weather; slightly warmer; variable winds, mostly westerly.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. 6 feet.

OUTLINES.

Prof. Alex. M. Bell, aged 78, father of Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, will be married shortly to Miss Snelby, aged 54. —— Officials at Washington are surprised at the feeling exhibited in Madrid over the last note of Minister Woodford, in which attention is called to the great expense to which the United States has been put in the pursuit of filibusters and the feeble efforts of the Spanish authorities to maintain a patrol around Cuba. —— Kid McCoy has challenged Fitzsimmons for a fight to the finish for the middle-weight championship of the world. —— Great Britain refuses the request of the United States to enter into an agreement with Russia and Japan to stop sealing. —— Arrangements have been made for the purchase of the Memphis & Charleston railroad by the Southern. —— An Italian and a negro attempted suicide in the New Jersey penitentiary; the negro died, the Italian will recover. —— The Russians have occupied Kin Chou, an important walled city in China north of Port Arthur, and a place of great strategic importance. —— Profound distress prevails among many thousands of people in Cuba; starvation is an actual fact: the State Department at Washington appeals to the American people to contribute money and supplies for the relief of the sufferers. —— An explosion in a storage house of a Chicago brewery caused the death of one man and fatally injured two other men. —— The liabilities of Mr. Singerly, the Philadelphia banker, aggregate $3 650 000. —— At Chicago Mrs. Mary Anderson and her two daughters were found dead in bed, asphyxiated by illuminating gas. —— The Episcopal diocese of Arkansas protest against the consecration of Archdeacon W. M. Brown, of Ohio, as bishop coadjutor of that diocese. —— The Atlas Safe Co.'s building, New York city, gutted by fire; loss $100 000. —— Ed. Joseph Backley, the actor, died, aged 54 years. —— Fire at Charlestown, W. Va.; loss $135,000 —— Two first-class cruisers have been ordered to join the Russian squadron in Chinese waters. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 3@4 per cent., last loan at 3, and closed offered at 2@3½ per cent.; today was holiday in the cotton market. flour unchanged; wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red $1 03½ f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot firm; No. 2 35⅝c; rosin firm; strained common to good $1 40@1 45; spirits turpentine steady at 33½@34c.

The United States pension list has grown from 303,685 persons in 1883 to 976,014 in 1897, and keeps on growing.

When Senator McCune, of Virginia, introduced his anti-flirting bill, he was probably flirting with fame.

One of the greatest travellers in this country lives in St. Louis. He has travelled 271,560 miles and has never paid a cent of fare. He is a street car driver and has been at the business for thirty one years.

Bismarck thinks the "arrogance of the United States" ought to be held up. But we suspect if the truth were known that he would a heap rather put a curb on that old case of rheumatism that he is scuffling with.

An explorer in one of the prehistoric cities of Mexico has struck a strata of human bones, which seems to extend a distance of several thousand feet. In his excavations he is bringing out a great many objects of interest besides these ancient bones.

Senator Mason, of Chicago, says he is confident Congress will make the necessary appropriations for any river and harbor improvement Chicago wants, if Chicago will let Congress know just what she wants. If Congress doesn't come promptly to time, he will jump on it, and he is a hefty boy.

Connecticut burglar men have doubtless come to the conclusion that Martin Rood of the town of Canaan is a rude chap to meddle with. Five of them got into a store he was hired in, whereupon without any preliminary ceremonies he proceeded to shoot two of them and captured two and escorted them to the lockup. In the racket the fifth made his escape.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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Sir John Lubbock has been doing some more experimenting with ants to see the antics they would perform when under the influence of intoxicants. He made a lot of them boozy and after they had gone around awhile painting things red, the old fellows came out, carried their friends in and put them bed and chucked the strangers into the ditch.

Senator Thruston, of Nebraska, is mad at the man who got up the Congressional Directory and put him down as a silver man. The Washington *Post* reminds him that he shouldn't be too severe, because that man may have read some of his silver speeches.

Kansas presents a fine opportunity for some capitalists who wants to invest in school houses. There are about 200 in the depopulated districts for which she has no use and would sell cheap.

The St. Louis policemen are now required to wear creased trousers. Cute trick of the city fathers to keep the police moving. They can't take a sitting or lying nap without taking the sharp edge off the crease.

About 4,000,000 artificial teeth are manufactured annually in this country, while it takes a million dollars worth of gold and other stuffing to plug the defective natural ones.

A Republican contemporary has an editorial on "Hog and Bimetallism." He's clear off. There is no hog in bimetallism. The hog is all on the other side.

A Vienna chemist says he has invented a process of producing indigo from coal tar.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. G. RICAUD—Assignee's sale.
JAS. D. NUTT—It is impossible.
J. H. REHDER & CO.—Xmas goods.
I. B RHODES—How to treat your callers
MEETING—Endowment Rank K. of P.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

MEETING—Carolina Cooperage Co.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. R. D. Cronly returned from Goldsboro yesterday.

— Mr. W. H. Chadbourn returned from Newbern yesterday.

— Miss Robbie Croom, of Burgaw, is visiting in the city.

— Mr. J. S. N. Kinsey, of Jacksonville, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. E. Blake has gone to Sloop Point to spend a few days.

— Mr. H. Weil, of Goldsboro, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Mr. E. P. Boatwright returned to the city yesterday after an absence of a few days.

— Mr. J. F. Newsom has returned from a visit to Washington, Baltimore and other cities.

— Mr. J. N. Brand returned home yesterday, after spending the holidays at Sumter, S. C.

— Mr. T. Harvey Myers, agent of the Old Dominion Steamship Company at Washington, N. C., is in the city.

— Mr. and Mrs. A. O. McEachern returned yesterday from Scott's Hill, where they spent a portion of the holidays.

— Among the arrivals in the city yesterday were Editor C. L. Stevens, of Newbern; John G. Smith, Morehead City; Henry Weil, Goldsboro, and A. McK. Grigg, Norfolk.

— Dr. R. DuVal Jones and sister, Mrs. J. T. Hollister, both of Newbern, arrived in the city yesterday. To-morrow Dr. Jones and Miss Kate Walker, of this city, will be united in marriage.

—Mr. George M. McKeithan, who has been living in Florida for two years past, has returned to his old home in Brunswick county "for good." He and his family have never been fully satisfied since they left the old homestead.

— Mr. Perry Brown, of Wilmington, Del., is in the city in the interest of a car coupler patented by himself. Mr. Brown's coupler is in use on several of the important railroads, and he is trying to get the Coast Line to give it a trial.

Slack Wire Walker.

Among the attractions offered to the amusement loving public of this city for New Year's day, will be the walking of a slack-wire across the river by Prof. O. C. Cogan, the celebrated slack-wire artist of Cape Town, South Africa. A wire will be stretched from the foot of Market street across the river, and it will be upon this wire at 10 o'clock in the morning and at 8 o'clock at night, that Prof. Cogan will walk and perform many different feats. The Tarboro *It* speaks in high complimentary terms of the slack wire walking of Prof. Cogan, who was in that place last month.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— British steamers *Ormsby* and *Oceanic*, hence for Liverpool, have arrived out.

—The Government yacht *Cheveamic* put in at Southport Saturday night for harbor.

— The "Merry Makers" will open a week's engagement at the Opera House next Monday.

— The annual meeting of Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, will take place to-night at Castle Hall.

—The schooner *Talofa*, 1,051 tons, is loading phosphate rock at Punta Gorda, Fla., for Wilmington, N. C.

— At the tournament at Rocky Point yesterday, Mr. T. J. Brown fell from a horse and dislocated his arm.

—The receipts of cotton and naval stores appearing this morning include those of yesterday and Christmas day.

— Professor Miller's band returned Sunday from Glenoe, where they went to play for Mr. McIntyre Christmas night.

— The STAR is asked to state that Mr. H. E. Bonitz or Mr. Fred Bonitz will give any information they can about the A. & M. College.

— Paterson, Downing & Co. cleared yesterday the Norwegian barque *Poseidon* for Bristol, Eng., with a cargo of rosin and spirits turpentine.

— Mrs. J. J. Kelley's boarders showed their gratitude for her kindness to them by presenting her on Christmas day with an elegant tea service.

— The Swedish barque *Hans* was cleared yesterday for London, Eng., by Heide & Co. Her cargo consisted of 6 586 barrels rosin, shipped by Murchison & Co.

— Mr. H. R. Kuhl is in receipt of several excellent specimens of pen work executed by his son, Mr. F. W. Kuhl, who has been promoted to a teacher's place in the Thompson School, of Siler City.

— Rev. J. W. Kramer preached a special sermon Sunday night before the Heptasophs. The two lodges, Oriental No. 1 and Jewel No. 2, attended in a body. The text was found in Psalms 133, verse 1.

— Some time ago Mr. P. C. Worley, of Burgaw, had the misfortune to fall from a train and break his leg in three places. The STAR is glad to learn that under skillful attention he is rapidly recovering.

— The *Review* made its appearance yesterday in breezy style. It is handsomely printed with new type, and is well stocked with editorial, local and general news articles of interest. Its advertising patronage, too, is excellent. The STAR wishes its contemporary great success.

— The Lees, hypnotists, closed a successful week's engagement at the Opera House Christmas night. While the performance was progressing Manager Schloss, of the theatre, with his usual thoughtfulness, cleverly treated the employes of the theatre to a large bowl of a delicious beverage, especially delicious on a cold night.

— The explosion of a lamp early Sunday evening in a one story dwelling on Castle street, between Sixth and Seventh, occupied by a colored man named Primus Johnson, called out the department in response to an alarm from box 52, Seventh and Queen streets. The flames were quickly suppressed, and the damage was slight.

Dances This Week.

There will be dances galore this week in this city; each of the terpsichorean clubs contributing one dance. L'Arioso German Club will set the gaiety progressing to-night, and will be followed by L'Agile and L'Etoile Cotillion Club giving a german to-morrow and Thursday evenings, respectively. Friday night an impromptu german will be given complimentary to the college boys, members of the University Dramatic Club, which club will appear at the Opera House on that night. Each of the dances will take place in Germania hall, and Haywood's superb orchestra, of Raleigh, will furnish music for the first three germans.

Colored Man Dangerously Stabbed.

Christmas afternoon, about 2 o'clock, in a row at Sixth and Castle streets, ex-policeman J. N. McDuffie, colored, now foreman of Engine Company No. 2, while trying to assist the police in making an arrest, was dangerously stabbed in the hollow under the left ribs, which may result in death. William Johnson, white, was arrested as McDuffie's assailant, and was arraigned for trial yesterday in the Police Court, but owing to the critical condition of McDuffie the trial was continued until Friday, and Johnson ordered committed to jail until that time.

From reports last night McDuffie's condition is worse.

Total Loss of Schooner and Cargo.

The cargo of the schooner *Samuel W. Hall*, which stranded at Hatteras December 24, consisted of 426,000 feet of lumber, shipped by the Cape Fear Lumber Company December 17. Telegrams received yesterday from the company's agents in New York stated that the vessel and cargo would probably be a total loss. The cargo was fully insured.

Mr. Edwards Goes to Richmond.

Mr. J. D. Edwards, who has served for some time as ticket agent for the A. C. L., has been transferred to Richmond to become assistant ticket agent. This is a well deserved promotion and Mr. Edwards will doubtless discharge his duties in his new field as he did here, most satisfactorily. He is succeeded here by Mr L. Steele, of Rocky Mount.

Best soap for toilet use is the Fairy Soap sold at the store of The C. W Polvogt Co. by Miss Ophelia Northam. †

COLORED YOUTH KILLED.

He Jumped from a Railroad Train while It Was in Motion.

Passengers who arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on the 12.05 o'clock Seaboard Air Line train brought news of a sad accident that happened at Clarkton, forty five miles from this city, which resulted in the instant death of a young colored man of that place named Andrew Kelly.

It seems that when the Seaboard Air Line train stopped at Clarkton yesterday morning Kelly assisted a colored woman to board the train, and then stood by her side in one of the coaches conversing with her. When the train left the station, after the usual signal had been given, Kelly left the coach, walking slowly and bidding his female companion goodbye and started to jump off the train, which was nearing a switch. Mr. Mellyon Yarborough, a flagman in the employe of the road, but who was then off duty, was standing on the platform alongside of Kelly and warned him (Kelly) not to attempt to get off while the train was moving, but Kelly paid no heed to the warning, and with his back turned towards the direction the train was going jumped from the train, and, losing his footing, was the next instant prostrated upon the track and the wheels of one of the coaches severed his head from his body.

The train was immediately stopped, but Kelly was past all human aid. The remains of the unfortunate young man were turned over to his parents, who reside in Clarkton, for interment.

FOOT BALL CONTEST.

Christmas Game at Hilton Park—Won by the O. A. N. Team—Score Six to Nothing.

The foot ball game played Christmas afternoon at Hilton between the A. C. L. and O A. N. elevens resulted in a victory for the shaggy-haired youths of the latter team by a score of six to nothing, a touch-down being made by Gore and goal kicked by Hatch, the half-back.

The two elevens faced each other in the following formidable manner:

O. A. N.	POSITIONS	A. C. L.
Latham (capt)	r e	Wooten, E.
Lewis	r t	Holland
Barbee	r g	Savage
Gordon	c	King
McDiy	l g	Wenberg
W. D. Williams	l t	Williams, R.
Gore	l e	Wannamaker
Green	q	Peschau
Bellamy, H.	l h b	Hackey
Hatch	r h b	Sinclair
Daggett	f b	Taylor

The officers of the game were: Referee, Mr. Arthur Belden, of the University; umpire, Mr. Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., Jr.; linesmen, Messrs. E. McKoy and B. Wooten.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton December 25 and 27.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—768 bales cotton, 14 cask spirits turpentine, 66 bbls rosin, 7 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—493 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 35 bbls rosin, 85 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—145 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 8 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—183 bales cotton, 41 casks spirits turpentine, 216 bbls rosin, 57 bbls tar.

Schooner Stonewall—5 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 130 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,599 bales, spirits turpentine, 84 casks; rosin, 447 bbls; tar, 146 bbls; crude turpentine, 7 bbls.

Wrong Man Arrested.

Mr. Oscar Edwards, now a resident of this city, arrested by Deputy Sheriff Flynn last Friday on suspicion of being Daniel F. Lockey, an escaped murderer from the South Carolina penitentiary (as told only in the STAR), turned out Sunday to be not the man wanted and was consequently discharged from custody. When arrested Mr. Edwards stated that he was not the man wanted and had never been in South Carolina. Justice McGowan, on a warrant from whose court the accused was arrested, immediately notified the authorities in South Carolina of the arrest, and Sunday afternoon the sheriff of York county, in which county the murder was committed, arrived in the city and at once went to the jail, where Mr. Edwards was confined, and after looking at him pronounced him the wrong man.

Justice Bornemann's Court.

Justice Bornemann disposed of the following submission cases yesterday, judgment being suspended in each upon payment of the costs, viz:

William Brown, colored, charged with disorderly conduct; Adrian Barlow, charged with assault and battery; Oscar Herring, charged with disorderly conduct; A. King, charged with assault and battery.

Larceny of a Bicycle.

Yesterday morning Deputy Sheriff J. P. Flynn arrested and placed in jail John Pearsall, colored, charged with the larceny of a bicycle. The alleged theft took place about the 19th inst. from a certain party who had rented a bicycle from Messrs. Jno. M. Wright & Co.'s bicycle establishment. The accused will be tried in Justice Bunting's court this morning at 10 o'clock.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to adversers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always advance

Get a beautiful Calendar at the store of The C. W. Polvogt Co., given away by Miss Ophelia Northam, who has charge of the display of Fairbank Fairy Soap. †

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYE.

Observance of the Christmas Season at Two of Wilmington's Leading Dry Goods Stores.

The relation between employer and employed may be very pleasant or it may be otherwise. It was decidedly the former on Christmas eve at J. H. Rehder & Co.'s. To start with, Mr. Rehder had served in his office a delicious lunch for the whole force of clerks, bookkeepers and cashier. On busy evenings it is frequently the custom of the proprietors of large establishments to furnish lunch to the employes, but the lunch is usually of rather frugal description. Not so with Mr. Rehder's. Whatever was palatable and refreshing was served and the clerks did all the courses full justice.

To every employe also Mr. Rehder made a valuable Christmas present, further showing his appreciation of their service. His thoughtfulness was reciprocated, and the clerks made him the recipient of a Christmas present that combined so much of usefulness with other qualities as a delivery cart.

MR GEO O. GAYLORD IS REMEMBERED.

Mr. Geo. O Gaylord, the proprietor of the Racket Store, was remembered by his clerks in a substantial way. On Christmas eve he was surprised and pleased to receive from them a handsome gold-headed cane as a token of their regard for him. This gift he appreciates most highly, and it helps to make Christmas of '97 a very pleasant one in Mr. Gaylord's career.

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.

Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year—Interesting Reports Submitted.

The Young Men's Christian Association last night held its election for officers as follows:

President—John Frank.
Vice president—Frank L. Huggins.
Secretary—Henry R. Moore.
Treasurer—Wm. L. Latta.
Trustees—Dr. J. H. Dreher, in place of E. S. Tennent, removed from the city; Chas. W. Worth, in place of D. G. Worth, deceased, and Col. Roger Moore, to succeed himself.

Among the reports presented, one of the most interesting was from the Board of Trustees, showing an expenditure during the year of $1,200.00 for interest on the building debt and $560 60 for repairs, including that paid for damages by the fire last Spring. The trustees collected from rents and other sources $1,078.35, and had a balance in bank of $317.75 This amount will be used in keeping the building insured, in attending to the necessary repairs and in meeting the interest on the bonds. The trustees hope to accumulate a small fund for the cancellation of the bonds, but the interest charge is so great that the progress in this direction must be slow.

The officers elected last night will take charge January 1st and early in the month the tenth anniversay will be held. Arrangements have already begun to make it an interesting occasion.

Death of Mr. Chas. F. Bell.

The death of Mr. Charles F. Bell on last Saturday night removed a good man and a valued citizen. Those who knew Mr. Bell speak in the highest terms of his Christian character and his personal qualities. He was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and a more faithful member or one who carried out the Christian teachings more strictly could hardly be found.

The deceased is survived by three children, Miss Lizzie Bell, Miss Lee Bell, and Mr. C. F. Bell, Jr., of this city, and one brother, Mr. Samuel Bell, of Shallotte.

The funeral took place at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from St. Andrew's Church, Rev. A. D. McClure officiating, assisted by Rev. W. L. Cunninggim. The hymns, "Asleep in Jesus," "Some Day We Shall Understand" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul," were rendered by the choir.

The interment was made at Oakdale Cemetery, and the mound was covered with beautiful floral offerings.

The pall bearers were: Honorary, Dr. A. D. McDonald and Mr. John R. Latta; Active, Messrs. W. H. Sprunt, J. B. Hand, J. C. Stewart, Oscar Pearsall, J. H. Thomas and T. R. Post.

University Dramatic Club.

Messrs. Gaston L. Myers and Arthur Belden, of this city, advance representative and stage manager, respectively, of the University Dramatic Club, left yesterday morning for Tarboro, to join the club. The club commences its tour to-morrow evening at Tarboro, and then consecutively will appear in Wilson, Goldsboro and this city, presenting each night Dion Boucicault's popular play, 'London Assurance." Friday evening the club appears here and a large audience will, no doubt, be present at the theatre. After the performance the company will be tendered a german at Germania Hall.

A Cutting Scrape.

Mr. Zoro Ennett, who was arrested Friday night while in a fight with several negro men, was arraigned yesterday in the Police Court and, through his counsel, A. J. Marshall, Esq., presented an affidavit of removal and the case was transferred to Justice Bunting's court for trial to-day.

Dave Thompson, colored, who was also engaged in the same cutting scrape, and who received a severe knife wound over the left eye, now accuses Mr. Ennett of doing the cutting.

Young Mr. Foy Resting Well.

The condition of young Mr. Dozier Foy, of Scott's Hill, who was painfully injured from a gunshot on Christmas eve, and was subsequently brought to the City Hospital for treatment, was very satisfactory yesterday. The physicians Drs. Shepard and Russell, say that it will be several days yet before it will be known certainly whether an amputation will be necessary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

Installation of Officers of Various Masonic Lodges in Wilmington.

Yesterday was St. John's day and it was celebrated by the Masonic fraternity of this city in a truly appropriate manner.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the hall of St. John's Lodge, on Market street, Past Master W. S. Warrock, acting Deputy Grand Master, and Past Master J. E. Matthews, acting Deputy Grand Marshal installed the following officers of the three lodges of Masons of this city, viz:

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1.

W. M.—F. H. Fechtig.
S. W.—R. W. Price.
J. W.—J. H. Davis.
Treasurer—B. H. Scott.
Secretary—W. M. Poisson.
S. D.—Jas. Calder.
J. D.—T. Joseph Platt.
Stewards—Rev. J. W. Kramer and J. F. Maunder.
Tiler—J. H. Johnson.
Chaplain—Rev. T. Page Ricaud.

WILMINGTON LODGE NO 319.

W. M.—C. H. Robinson.
S. W.—W. B. McKoy.
J. W.—Eric Norden.
Treasurer—W. G. A. Otersen.
Secretary—Thos. F. Bagley.
S. D.—R. C. Cantwell.
J. D.—Jno. A. Kerr.
Stewards—J. H. Hardin and C. M. Bayard.
Chaplain—W. S. Warrock.
Marshal—D. McEachern.
Tiler—I. H. Johnson.

ORIENT LODGE NO. 395.

W. M.—M. S. Willard.
S. W.—E. P. Bailey.
J. W.—J. W. Jackson.
Treasurer—J. C. Munds.
Secretary—H. G. Smallbones.
S. D.—J. T. Munds.
J. D.—E. P. Willard.
Stewards—J. C. Munds and C. C. Brown.
Tiler—T. H. Johnson.

CONCORD CHAPTER.

At 8 30 o'clock last night D. G. High Priest M. S. Willard, assisted by P. G. High Priest H. H. Munson, installed the following officers of Concord Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, viz:

High Priest—A. J. Howell.
King—W. C. S. Noble.
Scribe—H. G. Smallbones.
Captain of Host—E. O. Toomer.
Treasurer—J. C. Munds.
Secretary—W. A. Martin.
Principal Sojourner—J. E. Matthews.
Royal Arch Captain—M. W. Robinson.
Master Third Veil—R. W. Price.
Master Second Veil—E. P. Bailey.
Master First Veil—Eric Norden.
Guard—T. H. Johnson.

Before the installation a superb quartette of Wilmington's finest male vocalists, Mr. C. H. Cooper, first tenor; Mr. R. F. Fowler, second tenor; Mr. A. S. Holden, first bass, and Mr. H. K. Holden, second bass, rendered the ever familiar song, "The Old Folks at Home."

After the installation the quartette sang, "The Kerry Dance," after which Mr. H. H. Munson introduced Companion Rev. A. D. McClure, who in an able manner delivered a most instructive and interesting address on the origin and growth of Masonry.

The exercises were then concluded with the beautiful selection "Annie Laurie" by the quartette.

Next in order was an elaborate and delightful supper, which was thoroughly enjoyed by a larger number of guests.

Mr. E. H. Munson accompanied on the piano the different choice vocal selections rendered by the quartette.

Death of the Late Frank W. Bridgers.

The remains of the late Frank W. Bridgers, who died in San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 24th, will arrive this morning on a special train from Hamlet and the funeral will take place at 11 o'clock from St. James' church.

Mr. Bridgers was the youngest son of the late Hon. R. R. Bridgers, for many years president of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad. He is survived by his brother, Mr. Preston Bridgers, his mother, Mrs. Margaret Bridgers, and his sister, Miss Mary Bridgers.

The Police Court.

Over a score of Christmas-day offenders were arraigned in the Police Court yesterday and had justice meted out to them by Mayor Wright. Most of the law-breakers were charged with disorderly conduct and drunk and down, and were fined small amounts and costs. Harry Perry, Daniel Mosely and G. W. Brown, all colored, were bound over to the next term of the Criminal Court on the charge of carrying concealed deadly weapons; and Richard Plummer, colored, was fined $5 and costs for firing fire-crackers on Water street.

A Christmas Pig.

Dr. I. C. M. Loftin, of Rocky Point, has a hog that, in point of dimensions, is hard to beat. He is 69 inches long and measures 43 inches around the jaws. This mammoth pig weighs between 850 and 875 pounds.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery. tf

Arrived Yesterday.

Rev. David Marx, of Atlanta, who is to lecture to-night at the Temple of Israel, arrived yesterday and is the guest of Mr. A. Shrier. Last night at Mr. Shrier's residence an informal reception was tendered the visiting divine.

NOTICE.

Messrs. F. D. Lawrence and Robert Johnson are fully authorized to canvass Wilmington for new subscribers to THE DAILY STAR, and to receipt for three-months' subscriptions in advance.

WM. H. BERNARD.

WITH THE CHURCHES.

Interesting Sunday Services—Several New Ministers in the City.

Sunday was an eventful day with the churches. There were several new pastors and the attendance was good.

At Grace M. E. church, Rev. A. P. Tyer preached his first sermon. He made an excellent impression and the members of Grace church are highly pleased with him.

Dr. A. G. Voigt, the new pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, spoke to a crowded house Sunday and Sunday night. He will be here this week and will preach again next Sunday, in German in the morning and English at night.

At St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday the services were conducted by Rev. F. L. Egbert, of Springfield, Mass. He is an accomplished pulpit speaker and the congregation of St. Paul's were delighted with his sermon. He will preach next Sunday and Sunday night, the morning services being that of communion.

There were special services at St. Thomas' Catholic church Sunday and Sunday night. Mass was celebrated in the morning and the Vespers, beginning at 7.45 p. m., were well attended. An excellent musical programme was rendered at both services.

At St. James' church Christmas day, Dr. Strange made the gratifying statement that the church was entirely out of debt, the last obligation having been settled.

RABBIT'S FOOT GARTERS.

They Are All the Rage in New York, and Make a Piquant Holiday Gift.

NEW YORK, December 25.—Among the most striking of the Christmas novelties this year are rabbits feet and garters. In combination they form a very piquant holiday gift and are much sought by the young men of the metropolis. One house that made a specialty of this combination sold several thousand pairs of the garters in one day. The rabbit's foot, as a rule, is so arranged as to form part of the buckle, but they may be hung on the elastic or used in a dozen ways as an incidental ornament.

Some of the jewelers offer the rabbit foot garters for sale with silver mountings, but the plain rabbit's foot is more popular, and where jewelry is called for the purchaser more often than not will call for a diamond buckle or some other combination that will leave the value of the purchase in the buckle.

These dainty elastics are all the rage here this year and are offered to the public by nearly every novelty dealer in the city. For those who fancy the rabbit foot but who have conscientious scruples about giving garters, other novelties are provided, such as necklaces and bracelets, and very small rabbits' feet may be used for hat pins, etc. These quaint little tokens of good luck have totally displaced the old-fashioned horseshoe.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington post-office December 27th, 1897:

LADIES' LIST.

Miss Lillie Anderson, Miss Alice G Baldwin, Mrs Clara Britt, Mrs W B Berry, Miss Etta Beatty, Mrs Sylvia Bigg, —— Becky Davis, Miss Alles Garner, Miss Lucy Grante, Mrs Laura Gause, Miss C J Heyer, Miss Lizer Haynes, Miss E J Hawes, Mrs Ida Henrich, Miss Maggie Heyer, Miss Mattia Huske, Mrs Lou Miner James, Miss Linder Jane King, Mrs Eva L Love, Mrs M C Mills, Mrs —— McDonald, Mrs Maggie Morris, Mrs I Isabeller McNeal, Mrs James F Mason, Miss Faney McLane, Miss Mary Noris, Miss Louise Perdie, Mrs Catherine Price, Miss A J Parrish, Miss Joe Quinn 2, Mrs J A Roberson, Mrs Evan Robinson, Mrs R L Smith, Miss Mamie J Smith, Miss Mary Stewart, Miss Ann E Sandlin, Miss Laura Tate, Miss Lizzie Toomer, Miss L M Underwood, Miss Helen E VanTrum, Miss Sarah Whitney 2, Mrs Isabella Winns, Miss Martha Ward, Mrs Josephine Williams, Mrs Mary P Williams, Mrs Gilva Williams, Miss A J Wright, Mrs Della Young.

MEN'S LIST.

Ellery Allen, John Albright, Q. O. Burwell, Samuel J Buter, T F Bailey, Mr Anna Brooks, Bob Bane, Isaac Boykin, J J Bundy, J W Ball, John Brown, D W Coltrane, Joseph A Creech, J E Carney, Domenic Angelo Capra, J T Connor, Frank David 2, J B Demsey, John Dempsey, John A DesPortes, George V Denny, Charley Ferguson, H C Foy, Frank Graham, H W Gathney, Furman Hunt, Joe Herbert, Needham Herring, Capt Peter Hughes, W W Halfin, Willis Harrington 2, E H Kerr, J L Kerr, David Lewis, Walter Moore, Willet Marty, R W Merritt, Peter McKinless, Mildren Marson, L D Middleton, John McIlhenny, J B McAllister, George Mosely, H J McDaffie, G G Moch, Geo W Maxon, Gabriel More, E C Moore, C McNeill, M T Payn, Monroe Powell, Jos Pearson, Charles Olston, John Rehnan, S A Robinson, Walter Rutledge, J C Ricaud, F M Revare, Dick Russell, Rev C W Robinson, A J Rogan, W F Shepard, Capt R L Salter, Isaac Seeney, John Summerlin, Geo W Strickland, Eugene Stevenson, E W Smith, E V Smith, F H Townsend, Wm Walker, W H Whitehead, Webber & Davis, T A Wright, Tom Williams, Lervia Wright, L L Wolf, Jefferson R Williams, Alexander Windley, Albert C White.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Rosa AjMcP, Roger Blackman.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

For the Star.

A CHRISTMAS FEAST.

Instead of the usual Christmas tree, it has been decided to give the Sunday school of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd a Christmas feast Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

There will be exercises by the infant class, consisting of songs and recitations, and a drill by the Chapel Boys' Brigade.

The members of St. James' church are urgently requested to send contributions of cooked meats, cake, candy, fruits and other edibles to St. James' parish house this (Tuesday) afternoon between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of FRANK W. BRIDGERS will take place from St James church this (Tuesday) morning at 11 o'clock.

See the Fairbank Soap Display in charge of Miss Ophelia Northam at the store of The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

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ENDOWMENT RANK KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, Tuesday night, December 28th, 6 30 sharp, Castle Hall. JAMES D. NUTT, Secretary Section 221.
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NEW STOCK.

THE CITIZENS BUILDING AND LOAN Association will issue a New Series of Stock on Monday, January 3rd, 1898. This series is limited to 500 shares, a large number of which have already been taken. Parties desiring stock in this issue can have the same reserved for them by leaving their names with the Secretary. JNO. D. BELLAMY, JR., Secretary.
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Xmas Presents

FOR GENTLEMEN. WHAT IS MORE DEsirable than a nice stiff or soft Hat or an Umbrella? Then go to HAMME, The Hatter, Latest Styles and Lowest Prices.
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ON AND AFTER SEPT. 27th TRAINS WILL run as follows:

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.
Leave Wilmington at 2.30 p. m., 6.30 p. m
Leave Ocean View at 8.00 a. m., and 5.00 p. m.

SUNDAY TRAINS.
Leave Wilmington at 2.30 p. m. and 6.00 p. m.
Leave Ocean View at 5.00 p. m.

R. OSCAR GRANT, Superintendent.
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It is Impossible

to cure a Cough or Cold in ten minutes,
But you can cure it in a day by taking

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Made in Wilmington, N. C., by

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Price 50 cents. de 28 tf

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ON WEDNESDAY, THE 5TH OF JANUARY, 1898, at 12 o'clock m., I will sell for cash at public auction, the entire stock of Goods and Merchandise, consisting of

Gentlemen's Clothing and Furnishing Goods

assigned to me by S. H. Fishblate, then remaining unsold. Sale will take place in the store where the Goods are situate. Until said date all Goods will be disposed of at retail at 10 per cent less than cost.

A. G. RICAUD, Assignee
de 28 tf eod

How To Treat Your New Year Callers

when they come to wish you many happy returns of the day should be with the most lavish hospitality. There is nothing that will taste better to a man on a cold day than a cup of hot bouillon, a slice of chicken, turkey, or a cold bird, while a chicken salad is indispensable. You will find everything in meats, poultry, game and oysters choice enough for the most fastidious epicure at this market.

I. B. RHODES,
de 23 tf Front Street Market.

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A VALUABLE MERCANTILE BUSINESS, consisting of Stock, General Merchandise, Store Fixtures and Store House to rent three years with the privilege of five or more years, being the business owned and run by the late L. L. Mallard at Wallace N. C., about thirty-eight miles from Wilmington, N. C., on the W. & W. R. R.; one of the

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Address all communications to me at Kenansville, N. C. Creditors are requested to send in claims properly proven for examination.

JAMES W. BLOUNT, Executor to will of late L. L. Mallard.
Dec. 23, 1897.
P. S.—The right reserved to accept or reject any or all bids. J. W. B.
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Wholesale and Retail Druggist, Y. M. C. A. Building, Wilmington, N. C. de 21 tf

The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 28, 1897

ON THE RAGGED EDGE.

We have several times recently referred to the depressed condition of cotton-manufacturing industry in New England, the result (the New England mill men say) of Southern competition. That the industry is suffering there is beyond doubt, and the question which now agitates and perplexes those who have put their money in it is how they can withstand this Southern competition and prevent the industry in their section from being wrecked. That is a question which they would give much to be able to solve. They have made a close study of the industry and its progress in the South; they have visited many of our principal mills for personal inspection and have been freely given all the information they sought; they have familiarized themselves with the general conditions and such facts as bear upon the question and candidly concede many if not all of the advantages claimed for the Southern mills. They also candidly confess that it is impossible for the New England mills under present conditions to meet Southern competition and make a profit on the goods they manufacture.

This has been said by some New England mill men and by New England industrial and other papers, but we have it now in an official way, so to speak, as the deliberate utterance of the Arkwright Club, which speaks for the cotton manufacturers of Massachusetts, and, speaking for them, speaks for the manufacturers of the East, for they are all in the same boat. This club some time ago sent a committee South to investigate and report on the cotton manufacturing industry of this section, to ascertain as fully as they could in what the advantages of the Southern mills lay as competitors of the Eastern mills, with the hope, if possible, of finding some remedy. This committee performed the service to which it was assigned, returned, reported, and the club has made its report based mainly upon what this committee reported to it.

There is nothing in this report to bring much cheer to the Eastern manufacturers for it substantially concedes all that is claimed for the Southern mills, although it does not attach much importance to some of the claims, but it concedes enough to admit that the Eastern mills are almost hopelessly handicapped. We herewith produce a number of extracts from this report, which is lengthy, extracts which cover the main points in the report, and are a virtual admission that the South is forging to the lead and forging to stay. The report begins thus:

"The conditions under which the manufacture is prosecuted at the North and at the South are, we presume, fairly well known by every member of the club. Nevertheless, the more carefully the subject is studied, the wider seems the difference between the conditions prevailing in the two sections of the country. The chief difficulty your committee has in expressing its opinion upon the difference, is in finding terms sufficiently strong to set forth its hopelessness of prolonged competition between the Northern and Southern manufacturers under the conditions that now prevail.

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"The Piedmont section is situated in high and rolling country, with a delightful climate, well adapted to cotton manufacturing. In no mill visited did we find the appliances for moistening the atmosphere, with which they are all equipped, in use.

"Up to within a recent period nearly all the mills built in the South were arranged to make three and four-yard sheetings; but within the last three or four years the tendency has been to put new mills on yarns as fine as No 40 The southerner finds that, with the advantages he possesses he can make these goods at a cost which will allow him to undersell our mills, and still leave him a margin of profit which is sufficient to induce the investment of capital.

"And now what are their advantages? The southerner claims that there are several: First, that cotton is conveniently near, and that freight on it can be saved. Second, that water power is abundant if you care to utilize it, and that, coal is cheap if you prefer to run by steam. Third, that labor is abundant and cheap, and not inclined to organize against the employers. Fourth, that the enactment of restrictive labor laws is not likely to trouble manufacturers for many years.

"In our opinion the cheap labor, long hours and freedom from legislative interference are the chief advantages, and the others are unimportant and of doubtful value.

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"The advantages however, which pertain to labor are very great; the long hours run and the low prices paid, we believe, make the cost of labor in the South about 40 per cent. less than in the North. The working day in North Carolina is 12 hours, 24 per cent. longer than in Massachusetts, and the price paid per day for common labor in the mills is from 50 75 cents.

"So far as we could learn, there is no disposition to organize labor unions. The American operatives do not take kindly to this imported idea, and the opportunity afforded them to earn regular wages is too highly prized to be trifled with. They are just as anxious for the success of the mills as the owners, and there is in their attitude toward their employers a loyalty which is in striking contrast to the antagonism which exists and is encouraged among Northern operatives.

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"The mills we visited are among the largest and best managed in the South. Without exception the executive officers whom we met are native Southerners. They are men well qualified by education and experience and are putting into their work an earnestness and close application to business that will go far toward insuring success."

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"We obtained prices for labor in several mills, and feel that we are making a conservative statement in saying that there is a difference between the prices paid there and in Massachusetts of at least 40 per cent. For instance, the prices paid speeder tenders varied from $3 90 to $4 80 per week of 66 hours. Our prices are from $7 to $9.50 for 58 hours.

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"In submitting this statement we think a better basis for comparison can be given by taking a given number of spindles, and showing the cost of running them in both places. The cost of running 112 slubber spindles, 408 intermediate and 408 fine, in one mill we visited was $26 70 for 66 hours. One hand runs, two slubbers of 56 spindles each at 75 cents per day; three hands run four intermediate frames of 102 spindles each at 80 cents per day each, and two hands run three fine frames of 136 spindles each at 65 cents per day each.

"In one of the newest and best arranged Northern mills the same number of spindles of each kind is run the same length of time for $35 88, a price 34 per cent. more than in the Southern mill. In another Northern mill, not so well arranged and older, the same work costs $43 29, which is 62 per cent. more than in the Southern mill.

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"We do not think that the astounding difference in the labor conditions at the South and at the North in cotton mills has ever been more emphatically and more lucidly set forth than in this statement. It will be seen at once by every manufacturer that this item, and this item alone, is sufficient to account fully for all the difference between the prosperity of Southern manufacturing and the adversity of Northern mills; between the activity in the construction of new mills at the South and the stagnation of a similar industry in this part of the country.

"No doubt there are certain advantages not enumerated here, some of them on the side of the Northern and some on the side of the Southern manufacturers for the New England mills, greater experience and perhaps more ample active capital; on the side of the Southern manufacturer, a slightly lower cost of cotton, lower taxes and cheaper freights. But were we to consider these minor matters by themselves, not one of them of sufficient importance, nor all combined, to prevent successful manufacturing in either section, the balance would be in favor of the South.

"We have, therefore, practically to consider only the problem that is presented by the fact that labor is cheaper in the South; that the hours of labor are longer, and that there is neither any of the restrictive legislation urged among us by the labor unions, and very generally placed upon our statute books, nor any prospect of an early agitation in behalf of such restrictions. In other words, we cannot expect any improvement to benefit us from a change of the conditions in the South for years to come. Whatever remedy may be applied must be the work of Northern manufacturers seeking to equalize wages by the application of reduction in some form of the earnings of their own operatives.

"It needs no argument to prove that none of the manufacturers of this section are likely long to be exempt from the damaging effects of this competition. It is true that some of our manufacturers do not yet feel it, but it is impossible that present conditions should long prevail without causing them, at first indirect, and later on direct injury. The South itself is gradually encroaching upon the business of spinning higher numbers. Even if this progress were not to continue, the inevitable result of such competition as it is now offering is to drive more and more of the Northern spinners to higher counts, and thus to compete with those who are already in the field.

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"Meanwhile, it is not possible for manufacturers to wait for slow action of legislatures, nor even to count upon it that their reasonable request will be granted. Manufacturers must act for themselves, and endeavor to introduce in their own mills conditions more nearly resembling those of their Southern competitors. They cannot lengthen the hours of labor, but they can reduce the wages of their operatives, not, indeed, to such an extent as to make them equal with those of Southern operatives, nor would it be desirable so to reduce them if it were possible, since that which suffices for a comfortable livelihood in the South would be entirely inadequate in the North. Unless they can be reduced somewhat, it is obviously impossible for Northern manufacturers to produce goods except at a loss."

It will be seen in reading these extracts that in the opinion of this club there is practically but one remedy suggested, namely reduction of the cost of production which can be accomplished only by a reduction of wages. A repeal of the laws limiting the hours of labor (for which they do not hope) would be simply a reduction of wages reached in another way, for it would be working their operatives a greater number of hours in the week for the pay they now receive for the smaller. But if the difference in wages is, as this report says, from 40 to 50 per cent in favor of the Southern mills, how are the New England mill men going to cut down wages to offset this, when they admit that their operatives require higher wages than Southern operatives do to live comfortably. If it depends on cutting wages the cut must be pretty deep, so deep that it will result in labor disturbances and strikes, and in an instability of the labor on which the manufacturers must depend, which will always be a disturbing factor and may at times prove a very serious one. Possibly the laborer may not be fully satisfied with the wages received now, and surely he will not be with much less.

The result of this will be, if persisted in, that the discontented skilled labor will seek other fields where if the pay be less the laborer can live more comfortably, and have a future with more promise in it. This will give the Southern mills much of the skilled labor for which they may have use, and thus the Eastern mill men in the effort to help themselves will be helping the Southern mills, the very thing they don't want to do. If the hope of these Eastern mills depends on reducing the pay of their working people, it is a slim hope and they must be on the ragged edge.

MINOR MENTION.

We admire the brilliancy of the New York *Sun* and also its cheek. A few days ago it commented favorably upon the declaration of purposes of the American Cotton Growers Association recently organized at Memphis, and concluded thus:

"It is not idle to remind the South that factories cannot be built and home markets created by resolutions of commercial bodies. Capital cannot be wooed successfully by convention oratory to investment among communities that menace its security when they go to the ballot box to vote for a President of the United States.

"It will be a fortunate day for the South when this great light shall have dawned on it. Perhaps it is dawning."

There is nothing very brilliant in this, but there is something very cheeky, especially as coming from an organ, which (although in disguise) played the role of an opposer of the policy for which it now speaks, and as such labored to solidify the South against that party. It couldn't swallow Cleveland the last time he ran, but stood in with the Democratic party, supported the platform, and went further and drew the sectional lines by making a race issue and declaring against negro domination. Then the South voted all right, and the *Sun* found no fault with its voting, but now this same paper, having thrown off the disguise, has the cheek to tell the South that if it would prosper it must change its politics as the *Sun* did, and support the Republican party and its policies. We have become accustomed to that kind of rot from Republican papers, and didn't think it anything remarkable, but coming from a new convert like the *Sun*, which had for years advocated the diametrically opposite, it is cheekiness of the superlative order.

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A few days ago the New England society of New York gave a dinner, at which Senator Wolcot, of Colorado, was present as a guest of the society. He was one of the speakers, and in his speech he took occasion to defend his section from the asperations so common in the East since the silver question has become an issue in politics, and to give the Eastern critics to understand that while they may have more money than the West has, they don't know all there is to know about the financial question. Speaking of the silver sentiment in the West, he said:

"Somehow it is not really recognized in the West that ability to reorganize a Western railroad and swell its stock and securities several millions every time it is foreclosed, necessarily indicates an equal ability to determine the wisest economic policy for the farmer who lives along the right of way. And men who would no more dream of intrusting their banker with the duty of formulating their financial views than they would of intrusting the man of whom they bought a shotgun, with the command of the armies of their country, are naturally inclined to fear that in this part of the moral vineyard there is a tendency to assume that the possession of great wealth means necessarily the possession of great wisdom.

"It was only a few years ago that New England was 'uncommon proud' of that West which her sons had so largely peopled and her resources, lavishly ventured, had done so much to develop. Perhaps those are only supersensitive Westerners who fancy they see in certain quarters a subtle change, an inclination to criticise, an inability to find much to commend and a tendency to look still further to the Eastward for methods and ideals fit to follow. I hope it is all a mistake. Contentment cannot come to this land by sections, and it can never come except under conditions which bear equally on the whole people."

Throughout the whole of this financial agitation the advocates of the single gold standard have assumed that the only people who know anything about monetary systems or what is good for the country are the people who are engaged in the business of lending money and manipulating bonds, and that as the West and South have no great money centers, and comparatively little money, they should leave the handling of that question to the Eastern "financiers." These Eastern financiers may know what is good for them, but it is also quite as probable that the financiers of the South and West, who represent the people of those sections, are quite as competent to judge what is good for *them*.

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After Secretary Gage appeared before the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives to explain the currency bill which he desires Congress to pass it was hoped by some of the troubled Republican politicians that he would so modify his declaration for the gold standard as to leave a crawling out place, and he was given plenty of time to do so in revising the proof of his remarks before the committee, but he firmly declined to "doctor the record," as he expresses it, and proposes to "let it stand." As far as voting the Republican ticket is concerned—although it is not certain that he has been in the habit of voting that ticket without exception—Secretary Gage is a Republican, but he isn't enough of a politician to give himself much concern as to the effect that his scheme may have on the future of the party. He thinks more of the scheme than he does of the party and if it came to that he would be willing to see the party knocked into flinders if his scheme were assured of success. He is working for that and this is what is troubling the gentlemen who are working for the party and are afraid that Secretary Gage's gold talk will wreck it. It is a grim sort of a mix, with the President professedly laboring and hoping for the establishment of bimetallism, through international agreement, and his Secretary of the Treasury urging Congress to pass a bill which will destroy all hope of bimetallism, and "commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard." This is the beginning of their trouble on that line.

— Brainard—"How did that baby party your wife got up last week turn out?"

Ferguson—"It was a howling success."

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Greenville *Reflector*: Mr. Wiley Cobb, one of our oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died Friday morning at the home of his son, Mr. Charles Cobb. Deceased was in his 78th year.

— Concord *Journal*: The first accidential killing of the Christmas season occurred in Rowan county Wednesday evening. The victim is a young man, Lawson Stricker, and was killed while out hunting squirrels.

— Winston *Sentinel*: James Simpson, a 14-year-old son of Albert Simpson, who conducted a store near Brown's warehouse, this city, last year, was out hunting in Rockingham county yesterday when he accidently shot and killed himself.

— Sanford *Express*: Mrs. Christian McIver, aged 80, relict of the late Duncan D. McIver, died at her home near here last Tuesday morning. —— At a social gathering in Cumnock Tuesday night Mr. J. B. Kelly, of this place, was right seriously if not dangerously cut. He and a man by the name of Jack Kissell got into a row and after some words had passed between them Kissell pulled out his knife and stabbed Kelly in the abdomen, sinking the blade to the hollow and cutting a gash some three or four inches long. Kissell made his escape and at last accounts had not been arrested.

— Greensboro *Record*: Friday morning about 3 o'clock John Duckworth and Andrew Wyrick were going home along the Southern Railway when they found a man bleeding and unconscious on the right side of the track, with his head between the ends of two cross ties. By his side was a half gallon jug of whiskey over half full of the tangle foot, which too plainly told the tale. The injured man was Henry Jackson. On the back of his head was a deep wound and the skull was crushed in against the brain. On the forehead was also a long gash. It is supposed that Jackson was lying by the side of the track in an intoxicated condition and that he was struck by the northbound train.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Mr. Chas. Sykes died this morning at the residence of his mother, Mrs Ed. Sykes, on Haymount. Death was caused by blood poisoning from an abscess in the throat. ——A rather nice looking old lady, at least 85 years of age and stone blind, came up on the C. F. & V. from Wilmington yesterday afternoon and as she was without money and friends and in fact seemed to know very little about herself, she was taken to the court house and is now on the hands of the clerk of the court, Mr. Cyrus Murphy. All she knows is that her name is Lizzie Huffman, that she has been living with a daughter in Missouri, that the daughter died six weeks ago and that since she has been trying to reach another daughter whose name she says is Miss Mary Hoover, and who she thinks lives in this or an adjoining county. She says her native place is in Shanandoah county, Va., five miles from Woodstock. Friday afternoon Mr. Murphy purchased a ticket and sent her to Wilson, where she hopes to find her daughter. —— Thursday night Thomas Dobbin was brought here by two Harnett county deputies and placed in jail for safe keeping, charged with killing another negro named Hugh Ray. Dobbin and Ray, both young negroes, not more than 18 years old, were employed at Britton & Johnston's saw mill at Sprout Springs, and yesterday evening they got into a quarrel, which resulted in Dobbin's breaking Ray's skull with a stick.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— Fall River, Mass., and other eastern cotton manufacturing cities are now daily advertising to the world that the South is the best place in America for cotton mill investment. The south will not rejoice at the misfortunes of any section of the country, still it has no objections to being so extensively, persistently and strikingly advertised.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— While the New England cotton mills are cutting down wages and dividends, the cotton mills in the South are running on full time. Indeed, many of them are running night and day. Even with this the orders are far in excess of the output. As a pointer, the announcement is made in another column that the Lynchburg (Va.) Cotton Mill has just declared a semi annual dividend of 4 per cent. on its capital of $500,000 and carried $22,000 to its reserve fund. The stock of the Lynchburg mill is held almost entirely in that city.—*Baltimore Sun, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "There is only one thing I ever do for policy's sake."

"What's that?"

"Pay my premium."—*Truth.*

— "Yes, sir, I want to marry your niece." "Have you asked her mother?"

"No sir; I prefer the younger lady."—*Cleveland Plain, Dealer.*

— Or Its Equivalent: Timkins—"It is reported that McKinley wants a synonym."

Simkins—"A synonym!"

Timkins—"Yes; another term, you know."

— "Lend me a dollar, old man."

"Can't: only have a half."

That's all right; you can owe me the other half."—*Princeton Tiger.*

— Revised—He had been busy adapting things. "I care not," he said at last, "who writes the songs of a country as long as I draw the royalties."—*Chicago Evening Post.*

— "My dear sir," said the magazine publisher, "our circulation is by far the largest in America."

"Undoubtedly so," replied the advertiser. "I never supposed for a minute that it was larger in foreign countries."—*Brooklyn Life.*

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids indigestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle at R R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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THE PATIENT CAMEL.

An English Correspondent Who Does Not Take Much Stock In the Beast.

The camel, be it at once said, is an overrated beast. There is a great deal of him, but he is not for his size nearly so strong as the useful, unpretentious donkey. Then, too, his anatomy is so strangely conceived. His legs are attached to his great unwieldy carcass with seemingly so little consideration for the uses to which, merely viewed as legs, he might be expected to put them. And his neck and tail are so obviously disproportionate to the rest of him, and both so useless, that one cannot avoid the thought that the camel is somehow incomplete, or, owing to some mistake, was never finished off at all.

Even the qualities he possesses tend to strengthen one in this bewildering suspicion. For instance, he can kick himself violently in the—let us say the front of the back with his foreleg. He does it constantly. Time and again have I devoted long hours—fruitlessly, I must admit—to an attempt to win the confidence of my favorite camel—my favorite because he is less cruel to me than the others. I have wooed him with the soft notes of my kourbash; I have tempted him with the thorniest of mimosa branches; I have puffed tobacco smoke in his supercilious nostrils—and then, just as I have fancied I saw the light of sympathy dawning in his long lashed eye he has risen all of one movement to his feet, grinned at me in a frightful manner, disclosing a forest of green and broken teeth and gazing at me full with more vindictive contempt than I have ever marked in any human eye; has kicked himself violently in the stomach and lain down again, as if he would say, "Now, go away and don't bother, like a good boy."

Then he can gnaw his own tail—his absurd useless little rag of a tail, that isn't even worth biting. But is that an object worth living for? Or, again, he has, to be sure, seven stomachs, of which, vain beast, he is so inordinately proud—as though he had anything to do with it—that he is constantly fetching up one of them to show you and blows it out from his great, ugly throat in a horrid, glittering, transparent bulb for you to admire. A more nauseating practice could hardly be conceived, but the low brute will do it. One accomplishment, indeed, I can give him credit for. He can flick a fly from the top of his head with his hind toe. Now, this in the age we live in might, were he a luckier beast and the rest of his bulk conducive, have served him in good stead. But, as things are, I fear he will make nothing of it. His shape is fatally against him, and he will never become fashionable as a step dancer.

But, with all his faults, defects and disabilities, the camel has, so far as this country is concerned, not yet been superseded by any more practical invention, and, despite the fact that his temper is bad, his appetite vast and sordid, his capacity for prolonged existence without water—a giddy fiction—his carrying capabilities mean and his locomotive powers exasperatingly meager, yet he is all we have, and on him we must largely depend throughout this Dongola expedition. Dr. Conan Doyle, who is one of our party, believes, after a week or so of acquaintance with him, that he has discovered in his riding camel great delicacy of sentiment and much dignity of demeanor. But then Dr. Conan Doyle is a man of so wide a charity that he actually believes in and even admires—well, no, I will not say who it is. Let every one guess for himself. But if that person, why not the camel? Why not, indeed? Perhaps I may have some day something pleasant to say about my camels. Time must decide. Is it a long lived beast, I wonder?—Sudan Cor. London News.

Household Gods.

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MR. MANDRAKE'S SETTLEMENT.

He Hastened to Make It After Hearing the Judge's Revelation.

"Judge," said Mr. Mandrake, "I don't see how it is possible for a man in your position to always avoid bias. Now, that case which was just tried before you, for instance, struck me as being a very much mixed up affair, yet your charge to the jury sounded just as if you hadn't heard a word of the evidence on either side."

"Did it?" replied Judge Scroggins. "I'm glad to hear that."

"Yes," Mr. Mandrake went on, "and that's what makes me wonder, for the attorneys for the defense were so far superior to those for the prosecution that I don't see how it was possible for you to hear them and yet be unswerved."

"I didn't hear them," said the judge.

"Didn't hear them!"

"No. That's the secret of success on the bench. A judge's first duty to the public, after he assumes office, is to learn the art of pretending to listen while not doing so. Let the lawyers fool the juries, if they can, but their arguments must never penetrate to the minds of the judges. If it were otherwise, we might as well shut up our courts at once."

"But, that being the case," said Mr. Mandrake, "why have juries at all?"

"To satisfy the people," Judge Scroggins explained, "and to give the lawyers a chance. Without juries the folks who go to law would not believe that they were getting their money's worth, and the lawyers would soon be driven out of business."

Mr. Mandrake then hurried away to the man whom he had threatened to sue for $3,000 and offered to settle for 50 cents on the dollar without bringing the case to trial.

But, in spite of the fact that he came out of it with $1,500 in cash, his lawyer told him that he was a blamed fool.—Cleveland Leader.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	5¾
Standard		@	7⅛
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔	6	@	7¼
Shoulders ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔	5	@	5¼
Shoulders ℔		@	5⅛
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	—	@	85
CANDLES—℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	15	@	16
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE—℔—	7½	@	8¼
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White		@	45
Car load, in bags—White		@	44
Oats, from store	32½	@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES, ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbados, in hhds		@	25
" " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@	25
" in bbls		@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 25	@	9 50
Rump		@	9 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	80
Lisbon		@	
American	40	@	80
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5⅛
White Ex. C		@	4⅞
Extra C, Golden		@	4⅝
C. Yellow		@	3⅝
SOAP, ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
Sap	5 00	@	50
TALLOW, ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 30¾ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 30¼ cents for country casks. Sales later at 31 and 30¼ cents.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.15 per bbl for Strained and $1.20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, 1.90 for Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine steady, 24¼, 23¾c; rosin firm, $1.45, 1.50; tar quiet, $1.00; crude turpentine dull, $1.40, 1.90, 1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	84
Rosin	447
Tar	146
Crude Turpentine	7

Receipts same day last year—99 casks spirits turpentine, 1,484 bbls rosin, 169 bbls tar, — bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅝c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 15-16	cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4¼	" "
Low Middling	4 15-16	" "
Middling	5⅝	" "
Good Middling	5⅞	" "

Same day last year, middling 6¼ and 6 9-16c.

Receipts—1,599 bales; same day last year 655.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Evening.—Money on call firm at 3@4 per cent., last loan at 3, and closed offered at 2@3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4¾ per cent. Sterling exchange was firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484¼@484½ for demand; 481½@481¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 482½@483 and 485½@486. Commercial bills 481. Silver certificates 57@58. Bar silver 57. Mexican dollars 45⅝. Government bonds were easier; new fours, registered, 128¼; new fours, coupon, 128¼; fours, registered, 112⅝; fours, coupon, 114¼; twos, registered, 99½; fives, registered 114½; fives, coupon, 114½. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 125; North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Rosin firm; strained common to good $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine steady at 33½@34c.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 27.—Spirits turpentine firm at 31c; sales 25 casks; receipts 767 casks. Rosin firm; sales 358 barrels; receipts 5,839 barrels; quotations unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Evening.—To day was a holiday in the cotton market.

Dec. 25.—Galveston, holiday, net receipts 6 950 bales; Norfolk, holiday, net receipts — bales; Baltimore, holiday, net receipts — bales; Boston, holiday, net receipts — bales; Wilmington, steady at 5⅝, net receipts 1 553 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6 3 16, net receipts 150 bales. Savannah, holiday, net receipts 6 444 bales. New Orleans, holiday, net receipts 31 964 bales; Mobile, quiet at 5¼, net receipts 3,105 bales; Memphis, steady at 5¼, net receipts 3 681 bales; Augusta, holiday, net receipts — bales; Charleston, holiday, net receipts 1,467 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Evening.—Flour was nominally neglected and unchanged; city mill patents $5 65@5 90. Wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red $1 02¼ f. o. b. afloat; options opened firm on European war news but turned weak under general local unloading, and after a dull and unsatisfactory session, closed ⅛@⅜c net lower; No. 2 red January closed 99⅛c; May closed 95¼c; December closed $1 01¼. Corn—spot firm; No. 2 35⅝c f. o. b. afloat; options were firm all day on bullish statistics and a good all around demand, closing ⅛@¼c net higher; May closed 35¼c; December closed 33⅜c. Oats—spot firm; No. 2 28¼c; options were dull but firmer with corn, closing ⅛@⅛c net higher; February closed 28¼c; May closed 28¼c; December closed 28⅝c. Lard steady; Western steam $4 80. Pork quiet; mess $8 50@9 00. Butter—market was firm at the decline; Western creamery 15@22, do. factory 12@17c; Elgins 22c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@20c; do. creamery 15@21. Cheese dull; large white September 8½c; small white September 9@9½c; light skims 6@6½c; part skims 4½@5½c; full skims 3@4c. Petroleum dull. Rice steady; domestic, fair to extra 4½@6¼c. Molasses quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice 26@31c. Coffee—spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; No 7 jobbing 7¼c; Cordova 8½@15c. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3⅝c; centrifugal 96 test 4¼c; refined strong; No 6, 4 9-16c; cut-loaf and crushed 5⅝c; powdered 5 7 16c; granulated 5¼c; cubes 5 7 16c.

CHICAGO, December 27.—All the activity of to-day's grain and provision markets were confined to the morning. During the afternoon dullness all the advance in wheat caused by smaller world's shipments and the oriental war talk was lost, May closing at ¼ to ⅜c decline. Corn and oats were both very strong and advanced ⅛ to ⅜c respectively. Provisions closed at slight declines.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Cash quotations: Flour—the market was fairly steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 89@90c; No. 3 spring 83@91c; No. 2 red 98¼c. Corn—No. 2, 27¼@27⅜c. Oats—No. 2, 23¼@23⅝c; No. 2 white f. o. b. 24½@25, No. 3 white f. o. b. 24@25c. Rye—No. 2, 47c. Mess pork, per barrel, $7 70@7 75. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 55@4 57½. Short rib sides, loose, $4 35@4 70c. Dry salted shoulders, boxed $4 62½@4 75. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 70@4 80. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 99, 99, 97¼, 98¼; January 95¼, 95¼, 94⅜, 94½; May 91⅜@94⅝, 94⅝@94¼, 93⅝@93¾, 94c. Corn—December 26⅝, 27¼, 26⅜, 27c; January 27, 27¼, 27, 27¼c; May 29⅝@29¾, 30¼, 29⅝@29¾, 30¼c; July 30⅝, 31⅛@31¼, 30⅝, 31⅛@31¼c. Oats—December 23¼, 23⅜, 23⅜, 23⅜c; May 23⅛@23¼, 23⅞, 23⅜@23⅞, 23⅝c. Mess pork, per bbl—December $7 70, January $8 72½, 8 75, 8 70, 8 72½; May $9 02½, 9 05, 8 90, 8 92½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $4 45, January $4 52½, 4 57½, 4 52½, 4 55; May $4 70, 4 72½, 4 67½, 4 72½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—December $4 40, January $4 40, 4 42½, 4 40, 4 42½; May $4 55, 4 57½, 4 50, 4 55.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat quiet and easy; spot and month 98⅛@98⅜c; January 98⅜@98⅝c; May 95⅝c bid; Southern wheat by sample 94c@$1 00c; do on grade 94½@99⅛c. Corn firm; spot and month 33⅞@34c; December, new or old, 33⅞@34c; January 33¼@33⅜c; Southern white and yellow corn 29¼@34½c. Oats firm: No. 2 white 29@29½.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Schr Nimrod, 257 tons, Green, New York, Jas T Riley & Co.

Schr Robert F Bratton, 62 tons, Harris, Charleston, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

CLEARED.

Nor barque Poseidon, 545 tons, Pettersen, Bristol, Paterson, Downing & Co.

Swed barque Hans, 680 tons, Ebbeson, London, Heide & Co.

Schr Bessie Brown, 220 tons; Smith, New York, Geo Harriss Son & Co.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

BRISTOL—Nor barque Poseiden—4,051 bbls rosin, 750 casks spirits turpentine, valued at $17,524. Vessel and cargo by cargo Paterson, Downing & Co.

LONDON—Swed barque Hans—6,586 bbls rosin valued at $9 101 11. Cargo by Murchison & Co; vessel by Heide & Co.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Schr Bessie Brown—309 505 ft lumber. Vessel by Geo. Harriss, Son & Co; cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Co.

NEW YORK—Steamship Oneida—182 pkgs mdse, 32 cases cotton flannels, 95 bbls oil, 170 do rosin, 220 do spirits turpentine, 788 do tar, 390 bales cotton, 30,000 feet lumber, 860 bags chaff.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

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Nimrod, 257 tons, Green, Jas T Riley & Co.

Clara, 281 tons, Hatch, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

D J Sawyer, 326 tons, Kelley, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Cora M. 187 tons, Mitchell, Geo Harriss Son & Co.

Mabel Darling (Br), 112 tons, Roberts, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Falcon (Nor) 390 tons, Ohre, Paterson, Downing & Co.

Poseidon (Nor) 544 tons, Pettersen, Pernambuco. Heide & Co.

Hans (Swed), 680 tons, Ebbelson, Heide & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Harkhurst (Br), 1538 tons, Watson, Alex Sprunt & Son.

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"If I were you," said the man, "I'd wait, and if he keeps on drinking he'll see snakes anyhow."

"No, he won't, and he wouldn't care if he did if they weren't real, but if he sees a live snake he'll quit, and I'm going to try it on. Couldn't you get me some?"

"Yes'm, I can fill an order. If you call around tomorrow, you can get the snakes," and the man took down the address of his customer.

"It's a test case," he said as the woman went out, "and I feel sort of curious to know how it will turn out. My idea is that the husband will be so mad when he finds the snakes in his boots that he'll go out and get drunk as a biled owl, but maybe it will work the other way. We hope it will."

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SCIENTISTS CONCEDE THEY MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY EXTINCT.

Discovery of the Remains of Ocean Monsters—Yale College's Collection of Bones of Huge Saurians of Preadamite Ages. The Age of Chalk.

Do sea serpents exist?

Perhaps. At all events, science does not deny it. In fact, scientific men of late have come to admit that such monsters may prowl the seas.

That there were actually sea serpents in days gone by is a certainty. They existed in enormous numbers—real marine snakes of gigantic size corresponding in all important respects to the modern monsters of news reports. How is this known? Simply because their skeletons have been dug up in great numbers.

In the Peabody museum at Yale college are the bones of 1,400 of these sea serpents, some of which were as much as 80 feet in length. Most of them were collected by Professor O. C. Marsh. In parts of the west the remains of these reptiles occur in astonishing quantities. In one valley Professor Marsh came across seven of their skeletons lying close together. When the animals were alive, the interior basin of this continent was occupied by a sea. They flourished during the chalk forming or cretaceous epoch. In the seas of that distant period they fairly swarmed. Excessively voracious and predatory, they held a sway that must have been undisputed. That was the age of monsters, but they were, of all, the most formidable.

This was the epoch at which the Rocky mountains were beginning to emerge from the waters. It has been said that the creatures described were masters of the seas. And why not? What more formidable animal can be imagined than a fierce, carniverous snake 80 feet in length, able, by means of its swimming paddles, to make its way through the water with tremendous velocity? Such was the character of the masasaurs of the age of chalk. Their lower jaws were provided with an attachment of cartilage by which they were enabled to open their mouths to an enormous extent, in the same manner as a modern snake. Many species of them existed, to some of which the name tylosaur, lestosaur and edes-saur have been given by scientists who have dug up their remains. No fewer than ten species of mosasaurs are known to have inhabited the United States, and the remains of six of these have been found in New Jersey.

The typical mosasaur was in truth a perfect realization of the sea serpent of modern fancy—if the latter be fancy and not fact. It had only one pair of paddles, which were in front, but these were very powerful. Its head was flat and pointed, the jaws being armed with large and fierce teeth. The enormously long tail was flat and deep like the tail of a great eel, forming a tremendous propeller. From what is known of this formidable reptile there is no difficulty in picturing to the imagination's eye its rapid progress through the water, its lithe movements over the land when it chose to venture upon terra firma, its ready coil, its rapid stroke and the elevation of its head and vertebral column—literally a living pillar towering above the waves or the brush of the shore swamps. By thus lifting its head on high by means of its long neck it was able to decry its prey at a distance.

Now and then it happened that one of those mighty snakes died under circumstances which caused its body to become buried in mud, probably in shallow water. Eventually the mud hardened and was transformed into stone, so that the skelton of the creature was preserved through the ages. Today, millions of years later, the scientist seeks for such remains in the mountains which have been uplifted out of the depths of the vanished seas of long ago. A famous hunting ground for fossil reptilian monsters is along the slopes of the Rocky mountains. Through a region of this kind the scientific explorer travels with his eyes wide open. If from the face of cliff he chances to see projecting what looks like a bone, exposed by the action of water that has cut away the hillside, he sets a party of men to quarrying with drill, blast and pickax until whatever is there in the way of remains has been taken out.

Now and then a great deposit of antediluvian reptiles is struck in this way, in which case the "find" is kept as secret as possible, being regarded by the discoverer as his private mine. If he gave it away, rival scientists would rush to the spot and dig out all the animals for their own study and glory.

The sea serpents of the age of chalk were rendered additionally formidable by the coats of mail which they wore. They were clad from snout to tail in bony armor plates. Apparently they were far more numerous on this side of the world than in the eastern hemisphere, for it is very rarely that a fossil monster is discovered in Europe. In Belgium about a century ago they came across a skull of one, which was regarded as such a precious curiosity that Napoleon, besieging a town on a historic occasion, ordered his gunners to avoid shelling a museum where the already famous reptilian cranium was known to be stored. It was subsequently conveyed to Paris, and when that city was surrendered to the allies a special clause was inserted in the treaty providing that the skull should not be given up. Of course it was not until long afterward that fossil hunters came across such numbers of skeletons of ancient sea serpents in the new world.

Science does not assert that some mosasaurs may not still exist in the oceans today. If they do, proof of the fact has not yet been obtained. The best evidence goes to show that all of the numerous tribes of giant reptiles became extinct long ago. Nevertheless, it is quite conceivable that many of the old time monsters dwell even now in the depths of the seas. What huge and frightful creatures may not lurk unsuspected in such marine abysses as those which occur in the Atlantic a short distance north of Cuba and in the Pacific close by the eastern shores of Japan six miles or more beneath the surface of the water?—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

FIRST MAPLE SUGAR.

A CLAIM THAT ITS DISCOVERY WAS ACCIDENTAL.

The Story of the Indian Squaw Who Boiled Moose Meat For Her Lord In Sap From Maple Trees—How the Carelessness of Moqua Brought Her Praise.

It does not appear that any record was made of aboriginal methods of tapping the maple and converting its sap into sugar, nor is the oldest maple old enough to tell us, though it had the gift of speech or sign-making intelligible to us. We can only guess that the primitive Algonquin laboriously inflicted a barbarous wound with his stone hatchet and with a stone gouge cut a place for a spout, so far settling the fashion, which was long followed by white men with only the difference that better tools made possible. Or we may guess that the Indian, taking a hint from his little red brother, Niquasese, the squirrel, who taps the smooth barked branches, broke these off and caught the sap in suspended vessels of birch bark, than which no cleaner and sweeter receptacle could be imagined. Doubtless the boiling was done in the earthen kokhs, or pots, some of which had a capacity of several gallons. According to Indian myths, it was taught by a heaven sent instructor.

The true story of the discovery of maple sugar making is in the legend of Woksis, the mighty hunter. Going forth one morning to the chase, he bade Moqua, the squaw of his bosom, to have a choice cut of moose meat boiled for him when he should return, and that she might be reminded of the time he stuck a stake in the snow and made a straight mark out from it in the place where its shadow would then fall. She promised strict compliance, and as he departed she hewed off the desired tidbit with her sharpest stone knife, and filling her best kokh with clean snow for melting hung it over the fire. Then she sat down on a bearskin and began embroidering a pair of moccasins with variously dyed porcupine quills.

This was a labor of love, for the moccasins, of the finest deerskin, were for her lord. She became so absorbed in the work that the kokh was forgotten till the bark cord that suspended it was burned off and it spilled its contents on the fire with a startling, quenching, scattering explosion that filled the wigwam with steam and smoke. She lifted the overturned vessel from the embers and ashes by a stick thrust into its four cornered mouth, and when it was cool enough to handle she repaired it with a new bail of bark, and the kokh was ready for service again. But the shadow of the stake had swung so far toward the mark that she knew there was not time to melt snow to boil the dinner.

Happily she bethought her of the great maple behind the wigwam, tapped merely for the provision of a pleasant drink, but the sweet water might serve a better purpose now. So she filled the kokh with sap and hung it over the mended fire. In spite of impatient watching it presently began to boil, whereupon she popped the ample ration of moose meat into it and set a cake of pounded corn to bake on the tilted slab before the fire. Then she resumed her embroidery, in which the sharp point of each thread supplied its own needle.

The work grew more and more interesting. The central figure, her husband's totem of the bear, was becoming so lifelike that it could easily be distinguished from the wolves, eagles and turtles of the other tribal clans. In imagination she already beheld the moccasins on the feet of her noble Woksis, now stealing in awful silence along the warpath, now on the neck of the fallen foe, now returning jubilant with triumph or fleeing homeward from defeat to ease the shame of failure by kicking her, in which case she felt herself bearing, as ever, her useful part. So she dreamed and worked, stitch by stitch, while the hours passed unheeded, the shadow crept past the mark, the kokh boiled low, and the cake gave forth the smell of burning. Alas, the cake was a blackened crisp, and, lo, the once juicy piece of meat was a shriveled morsel in the midst of a gummy, dark brown substance.

She snatched kokh and cake from the fire, and then, hearing her husband coming, she ran and hid herself in the nearest thicket of evergreens, for she knew that when he found not wherewith to appease the rage of hunger he would be seized with a more terrible one against her. Listening awhile with a quaking heart, and catching no alarming sound, but aware instead of an unaccountable silence, she ventured forth and peeped into the wigwam.

Woksis sat by the fire eating with his fingers from the kokh, while his face shone with an expression of supreme content and enjoyment. With wonder she watched him devour the last morsel, but her wonder was greater when she saw him deliberately break the earthen pot and lick the last vestige of spoiled cookery from the shards. She could not restrain a surprised cry, and discovering her he addressed her:

"O woman of women! Didst thou conceive this marvel of cookery, or has Kloskur-Beh been thy instructor?"

Being a woman, she had the wit to withhold the exact truth, but permitted him to believe whatever he would.

"Let me embrace thee," he cried. And upon his lips she tasted the first maple sugar.

The discovery was made public, and kokhs of sap were presently boiling in every wigwam. All were so anxious to get every atom of the precious sweet that they broke the kokhs and scraped the pieces, just as Woksis, the first sugar eater, had done. And that is why there are so many fragments of broken pottery and so few whole vessels to be found.—Atlantic Monthly.

Great Men.

So far as can be ascertained from the portraits or statues that have come down to us the majority of great men have not been striking in personal appearance. The greatest intellect of all time, William Shakespeare, would not have attracted the attention of passersby in the streets of London. Milton, Wordsworth and Tennyson displayed in the eye and brow the thoughtfulness of the student, but nothing more.

Of great statesmen, Oliver Cromwell might have passed as a respectable farmer, Walpole and Fox as bluff squires and the younger Pitt as a private gentleman. The hawk nose and piercing eyes of the elder Pitt did, indeed, indicate exceptional powers.

Our great warriors certainly did not evince their genius in their physical appearance.

Marlborough had a handsome, courtierlike face; Nelson would not have looked out of place in a surplice, and Wellington in a frock coat might have passed for a country gentleman. The same will hold good for the great men of other nations.

Bismarck, indeed, has a strong, determined countenance, but there are hundreds of German faces that might belong to a genius equal to his. The appearance of Napoleon Bonaparte was certainly remarkable, but some of the younger Bonapartes have displayed his lineaments without his genius.

The portraits of Columbus, Galilei, William the Silent, Dante and a host of other leaders of men do not usually convey the impression of extraordinary genius, and the same remark will apply to the representations that have come down to us of Alexander, Cæsar, Socrates and other ancients.—London Globe.

A Substitute For Glass In Skylights.

Glass has hitherto been the best material known for skylights, but it was forever cracking, breaking and leaking, owing to the effect on it of heat, cold, blows, storms, expansion, contraction, etc. To overcome these defects many and various forms of skylight frames have been invented, but the troubles are not materially lessened. The introduction of iron and steel in the construction of buildings has made matters worse for the glass skylight. The expansion and contraction of the metal framework plays havoc with the glass, and the yearly cost of repairing is considerable. To meet the need for a more durable skylight material a translucent wire cloth has been invented, which, when filled in with a semitransparent, impervious substance, does all that glass can do and a great deal more. While transmitting a large amount of light, it is strong, flexible, weather proof, durable and practically unbreakable. The substance covering the wire cloth is composed almost entirely of boiled linseed oil, which is subjected to an oxidizing process. The material is claimed to be virtually fireproof and to cost much less than glass skylights.

UNUSED STAMPS.

How Uncle Sam Redeems Envelopes That Are Spoiled or Misdirected.

One of the most interesting branches of the postal service is that which is devoted to the redeeming of stamped envelopes which have been misdirected. A person of an observing turn can spend a very profitable half hour there any time listening to the stories told by the men and women of how they came to spoil so much valuable stationery. Indeed, it is a remarkable thing how so many envelopes get misdirected, many large firms returning them in lots of several thousand at a time. The clerks who have to count them say that it is all gross carelessness, and they point to the way in which the envelopes are returned—some back to back and others folded and twisted into every possible shape. All this means extra work to the clerks, who have very little spare time on their hands.

The envelopes are redeemed in all cases possible, many packages being received which have obviously not been misdirected. For instance, if a firm goes out of existence and has a quantity of envelopes left over, the chances are that a marking brush will be drawn over the edges instead of a few pen scratches being made on each envelope. There are many ways in which envelopes can be spoiled for business purposes, and if a list of all the peculiar cases were made it would fill a book. One man recently brought in a boxful over which he had spilled a bottle of ink, while another had a large quantity that had been badly damaged by fire, and a third appeared with a lot that he claimed had been gnawed by mice.

The goverment, of course, loses nothing in these transactions. It has been already paid for the envelopes and printing, and it redeems only the face value of the stamps. The New York office makes payment not in cash, but in postage stamps, and these stamps have to come out of the regular supply, as the department at Washington will not recognize any demand until the misdirected envelopes have been counted.—New York Journal.

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Leave Greensboro	2 13 p m
Leave Climax	12 48 "
Leave Sanford	3 33 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 56 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	21 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4. DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 a m
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 5 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 p m
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 48 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed. Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 a m
Leave Climax	8 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed. Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

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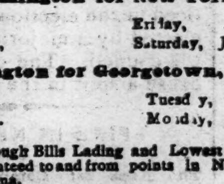

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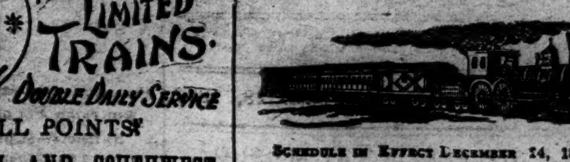

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT DECEMBER 14, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11 03 a m, Warsaw 11.15 a m, Goldsboro 12 05 a m, Wilson 12.56 p m, Rocky Mount 1 40 p m, Tarboro 2.45 p m, Weldon 4.33 p m, Petersburg 6.23 p m, Richmond 7 15 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.30 p m, Baltimore 1.66 a m, Philadelphia 3.50 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1.42 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.14 a m, Richmond 4.00 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.03 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

DAILY except Sunday 2 25 p m — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4 13 p m, Newbern 5 40 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.41 p m, Marion 6.43 p m, Florence 7.25 p m, Sumter 9.10 p m, Columbia 10.30 p m, Denmark 6.12 a m, Augusta 8.30 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12 55 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 1 57 a m, Jacksonville 7.30 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.25 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.52 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2 37 p m, Goldsboro 3.20 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 24 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 12 15 p m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 00 a m, Jacksonville 10 26 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.35 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 a m, Sanford 3 27 p m, Jacksonville 7 40 p m, Savannah 1 45 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8 20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.25 p m, Sumter 8.25 a m, Florence 10 05 a m, Marion 10 41 a m, Chadbourn 11.45 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4 30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18 a m, Weldon 11 33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9 35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 15 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 10 p m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10 17 a m, arrive Latta 10.35 a m, Dillon 10 47 a m, Rowland 11 02 a m., returning leaves Rowland 6 01 p m, arrives Dillon 6.33 p m, Latta 6.46 p m, Pee Dee 7.05 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2.10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 27 p m, Manning 6. 8 p m, arrive Lane's 6.7 p m, leave Lanes 8.23 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.15 p m, arrive Darlington 8 40 p m., Hartsville 9 35 p m, Bennettsville 9 36 p m, Gibson 10 00 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10.27 a m, Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9.25 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m, Smithfield 3.22 p m, Dunn 4 10 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m. 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.13 p m, returning leave Rowland 11 03 a m, Fayetteville 12.22 a m, 10.15 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.43 p m, Selma 1.50 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12.09 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 29 a m, Creston 5 17 a m, arrive Denmark 6 12 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 25 p m, Creston 5 30 p m, Sumter 6 25 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 8 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 5.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliot 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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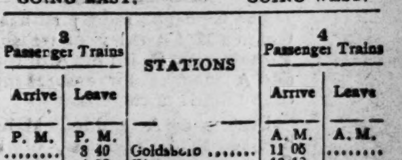

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28th 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City ...	7 42	7 41
P M	P M		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 28, 1897

ILL FEELING AT MADRID

Caused By United States Minister Woodford's Last Note to the Spanish Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—The officials here are surprised at the exhibition of feeling at Madrid over the latest note of Minister Woodford, delivered to the Spanish foreign office the day before Christmas. While the note itself will not be made public at present, it is said that there is no reason whatever why it should be withheld save the fact that the preceding steps in the negotiations have not seen the light in the newspapers, and it is desirable, when a publication is made, to preserve a complete chain of events in natural order.

Possibly the correspondence will shortly be called for by Congress, in which case it is not likely to be withheld on grounds of public policy. The last note presented by Minister Woodford was in answer to the Spanish note called forth by Mr. Woodford's very first note after his arrival at Madrid.

According to official announcement the Government considers that the Spanish press attaches too great importance to the Woodford notes.

"The Government," says the announcement, "continues to regard America's attitude as correct, despite certain statements in the note requiring refutation."

In the initial note, the United States Minister pointed out the interest of his country in an early termination of the present struggle in Cuba and asked when such a conclusion could be expected. The Spanish Government in its reply acknowledged our interest in the matter but suggested, after stating what it intended to do to ameliorate conditions in Cuba, that the United States could best exercise its good offices by stopping filibustering. To this Mr. Woodford responded with his note last week. It is said to be a purely argumentative statement of the position taken by the United States and the facts set out are substantially those so strongly drawn in the President's message to Congress, of which it was supposed the Spanish public had been fully advised through the newspapers. The most forcible statement is based upon the facts collected and published by the United States Treasury Department, exhibiting the great expenses to which the United States had been put by reason of its efforts to patrol an enormous coast line in the pursuit of a few filibusters and the remarkable success of the government officials in stopping these expeditions, as contrasted with the feeble efforts of the Spanish authorities to maintain a patrol around the island of Cuba. All of these facts were included in Mr. Woodford's note, and, while he put them in his own language in presenting them to the Spanish Foreign Office, it is said that the statements concern only events that have already been touched upon.

BERING SEA CONTROVERSY.

Great Britain Refuse the Request of the United States to Enter into an Agreement to Stop Sealing.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 27.—Lord Salisbury, the premier, has written to United States Ambassador Hay in response to America's latest proposals in the Bering sea controversy and her request that Great Britain would enter into an agreement with the United States, Russia and Japan to stop sealing.

Great Britain declines to enter into such an agreement. Lord Salisbury says in substance that he has communicated with the Canadian Government, which has the foremost interest in the sealing question, and that Canada is unwilling to become a party to such an arrangement as is proposed by the United States. Therefore, England, continues Lord Salisbury, whose interest is but slight, would not be justified in acceding to the proposals.

Lord Salisbury's answer emphasizes the policy of England not to interfere in Canada's foreign relations.

LUETGERT MURDER TRIAL.

The Sausage Maker in Good Humor and Laughs at Damaging Testimony of Witnesses.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO December 27.—To-day was Luetgert's fifty-second birthday. He was in a good humor and frequently laughed as Mrs. Agatha Tonsch told of damaging statements he had made to her. She was on the stand nearly all day, and was followed by C. Clark and Swan Nelson, clerks through whom Luetgert purchased the potash and the arsenic.

John Bialk, the last witness of the day, told of meeting Luetgert in Toosch's saloon when Luetgert asked him what the police wanted of his father, and also urged the son to tell the old watchman to come and see Luetgert. It was through the son that Luetgert went to the old watchman's house on the occasion when Klinger was under the bed and heard the conversation.

To-morrow the State will begin the identification of the rings.

The Chicago grand jury has indicted Charles M. Charnley, ex treasurer of the Presbyterian Board of Aid for College and Academies for embezzling $75,000 of the funds of the board.

Professor Alexander Melville Bell, distinguished scientist, of Edinburg, Scotland, and father of Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, will wed Mrs H G Shelby, of Toronto, in New York within the next two weeks. Professor Bell is 78 years of age and Mrs. Shelby 54.

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STARVATION IN CUBA.

A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE ISLAND.

Profound Distress Prevails—Appeal to the American People to Contribute for the Sufferers—Supplies to be Forwarded to Consul General Lee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—The most profound distress prevails among many thousands of people in Cuba. Starvation not only impends but is an actual fact. The President has been informed of the facts from sources whose credit cannot be doubted. He has gone to the length of his constitutional power in calling the state of affairs to the attention of the American people. The State Department has used all of its authority to mitigate the conditions there and the letter to the public sent out by Secretary Sherman the day before Christmas pointed out the way to further alleviate the miserable condition of reconcentradoes. Today the sum of five thousand dollars was received by Assistant Secretary Day from certain charitably disposed persons whose names are not disclosed and this sum will be remitted by telegraph early to morrow morning to Consul General Lee for disbursement among the more pressing cases. It is hoped by the Department of State that the American people will come to the relief of the sufferers, and that promptly, by subscriptions of money, clothing and supplies of various kinds. The newspapers are expected to lend a generous aid in carrying forward this movement. The machinery for distribution has been provided by the State Department, and Consul General Lee has undertaken, with the aid of the American officers in Cuba, to give personal attention to alleviation of distress by the distribution of gifts of the American people. One of the line of steamers plying between New-York and Havana—the Ward Line—it is said, has undertaken to forward any contributions of goods to Gen. Lee at Havana, and it is believed that American railroads will do their part in carrying the goods to the seaboard. The Spanish authorities have consented to remit duties on relief supplies forwarded. The State Department directs that they be sent to Consul General Lee, either money, by draft or checks, or goods.

Consul General Lee to-night cabled the State Department just what is wanting at this juncture, and his list is as follows: "Summer clothing, second-hand or otherwise; principally for women and children, medicines for fevers, including a large proportion of quinine, hard bread, corn meal, bacon, rice, potatoes, beans, peas, salt fish, principally cod fish, any canned goods, especially condensed milk for the starving children. Money will be also useful to secure nurses, medicines and for many other purposes.

M'COY CHALLENGES FITZ.

To Fight to a Finish for the Middle-Weight Championship.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK December 27.—"Kid" M'Coy, the conqueror of Creedon, issued a challenge to Fitzsimmons to day for a finish fight for the middle-weight championship of the world.

The young middle-weight announced that he has backing for $10 000 and will post a forfeit as soon as called upon to do so. He desires to meet the present champion for a purse and a side-stake of at least $5 000. M'Coy at once communicated with Dan Stuart, the promoter of the Carson fight last Spring, and offered to take Corbett's place in case the Californian fails to sign articles with Fitzsimmons.

"Even if Corbett is willing to fight", declared M'Coy in his letter to Stuart, "I believe that I am entitled to the first chance. Corbett is a beaten man while I have not yet been defeated.

"Fitzsimmons should take me on first and deal with Corbett afterwards".

CHICAGO, December 27.—Fitzsimmons said to-night that he had received a challenge or offer from McCoy.

"I do not agree with McCoy that he is entitled to consideration before Corbett," Fitzsimmons said. "I am willing to fight him when he has done something to put himself in my class."

Martin Julian, the champion's manager, declared that he would not consider McCoy's challenge.

DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS.

Protest Against the Consecration of Archdeacon W. M. Brown, of Ohio.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., December 27.—Col. W. H. Whipple, chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas, has notified the chairmen of the fifty-eight standing committees throughout the United States that a protest against the consenting of that body to the consecration of Archdeacon Wm. M. Brown, of Ohio, recently elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Arkansas, is being prepared and will be submitted in a very short time.

The protest will allege that one of the delegates who voted in the council for Brown was seated on bogus credentials and that fraud was practiced in the election. Brown was only elected by a majority of one vote in the council. The fight threatens to cause a split in the diocese.

FIRE IN NEW YORK

The Atlas Safe Company's Building Destroyed—Loss $100,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 27.—The Atlas Safe Company's five-story stone building at 73 Duane street caught fire in the basement about midnight to-night. The massive ground floor doors could not be broken by the firemen, and by the time they got at the fire by way of the upper floor the flames had gained such headway that the interior of the structure was destroyed. The occupants of the building, beside the safe company, were the Rex Fire Extinguisher Company, the George McKibbon Book Binding Company, and some other smaller concerns. Fire Chief Bonner estimated the loss at $100,000.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Mrs. Mary Aderson Kills Her Two Children and Herself.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 27.—Mrs. Mary Anderson and her two daughters, Edith and Myrtle, aged eight and five years respectively, were asphyxiated by illuminating gas at their home at 61 Johnson avenue to-day. The husband on returning from work to-night found the door locked, and on forcing it open he found his wife and children dead in bed. It is supposed Mrs Anderson was temporarily insane.

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CHRISTMAS IN RALEIGH.

THE NEW RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS CALL A MEETING.

Governor Russell Says He Will Turn Out Dr. Abbott If the Doctor Gets Contrary—The Morganton Bark—S. Otho Wilson—Association of Academies.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 27.

Christmas was quietly observed here though there was the usual amount of jollification on the streets. The State Department and other public offices which have been closed since Friday, reopened to day.

Adjutant General Cowles, who the Supreme Court decided to be the legal receiver of the Piedmont Bank at Morganton, is here conferring with State Treasurer Worth. He will receive his instructions from the Treasurer before returning to Morganton to take charge of the bank.

The Governor left for the East last night, to be absent the greater part of the week.

S. Otho Wilson landed here yesterday from Washington, where he has been camping out for the past two weeks. Otho went to the Railway Commission office, where he found Pearson and Caldwell in possession. The Gideonite asked for some private papers, which he said needed immediate attention. In making the request he said he waived no claim to the possession of the office. The new commissioners permitted Otho to take such papers as he saw fit.

Mr. W. H. Horn, the young 18 year-old son of Mr. Ashley Horn, of Clayton, died in the Rex Hospital here Saturday morning. Mr. Horn, who was a cadet at Horner's school, was brought here ill with typhoid fever. The remains have been taken to Clayton, where the interment occurs to day.

The Association of Academies meets here to-morrow. The association is composed of the principals of the various high schools and academies in the State. Well known educators will speak.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The new railway commissioners notify Dr. Abbott that they have called a meeting for the 29th inst. Governor Russell is quoted as saying that he will turn Dr. Abbott out if he (Abbott) gets contrary.

Secretary of State Thompson writes Senators Butler and Pritchard to fight the insurance bill, placing insurance matters under Federal control.

IN THE FAR EAST.

Kin-Chau, An Important Strategic Point in China, Seized By Russian Forces.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 27.—The Russians have occupied Kin-Chau, north of Port Arthur.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27.—Eli T. Sheppard, who has recently returned from China, where he held an official position, commenting upon the reported occupation of Kin-Chau by Russia, said to-day:

Kin-Chau is an important walled city (not an open port) at the head of the gulf of Lau Tung and it commands the mouth of the river Yalloo, where the great naval battle between the Japanese and Chinese was fought, and the other important rivers which flow into the gulf. It is about equi distant between the mouth of Yalloo river and the terminus of the great wall of China. It commands the railway system recently constructed from Tien-Tsin to the capital of Manchuria and is of pre-eminent importance as a strategic position.

The seizure of the port shows that Russia has practically taken possession of Corea, Manchuria and the Gulf of Lau-Tung, and possesses a significance which will cause consternation among the diplomats in the world. Its situation is such that its possession practically places Russia in a position to defy the world.

ODESSA, December 27.—It is reported that two first-class cruisers with a large number of extra marines have been ordered to join the Russian squadron in Chinese waters.

WARM WIRELETS

T. B. Vance has been appointed postmaster at Pinmtree, N. C., a fourth-class office.

Tug W. S. Cahill, Cherry, from Newbern, N. C., towing barge Edward, arrived at Philadelphias yesterday.

John Donaldson, a well known sporting man, Sullivan's trainer and Corbett's second, died at Cleveland, O., last night.

Tom Tracey, of Australia, and Joe Wolcott, of Boston, fought six rounds to a draw at catch-weights at the Winter Circus, Chicago, last night.

Mayor-elect Van Wyck, of Greater New York has selected John W. Keller for commissioner of the department of charities. The place is worth $7 500 a year.

Announcement is made by the Memphis and Charleston reorganization committee that arrangements have been perfected looking to the purchase of the road by the Southern Railway.

It is officially announced that Horace G. Burt, third president of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, has been selected for the presidency of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

The Overman wheel company, of Chicopee Falls Mass., with agencies in all the principal cities of the country, has made an assignment. Liabilities, $589 000; assets $1,818,000.

Jeremiah Murphy was suffocated to death last night in an upper room of an Oak street tenement, Boston, Mass., which was set on fire by an explosion of a lamp. Five persons were injured, some of them fatally.

The Krag Reynolds Company, wholesale grocers, Indianapolis, Ind., yesterday made an assignment. The liabilities are placed in the neighborhood of $300,000, while the assets amount to $400,000.

The Turkish Government explains that the firing upon the Greek gunboat Actium, by the Turks at Prevesa on Saturday last, as the vessel was leaving the Gulf of Ambracia, was due to a misunderstanding.

Two prisoners, Frank Barbain, an Italian, and Harry McCallum, colored, attempted suicide at about the same time in the penitentiary at Caldwell, N. J., yesterday. McCallum, who attempted suicide as a joke, is dead. Barbain will recover.

Actual trading in all lines of dry goods is small. Preparations for stock taking and prosecution of business after the first of the year engross the attention of sellers. Buyers are few in the New York market and their deals do not amount to a large aggregate.

— A Definition: Johnny—"Papa, what is a pessimist?"

Papa—"Oh, he's a man who is afraid Bryan will be the next President."—*Puck.*

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A Question of Æsthetics.

They were discussing the wedding present problem as they strolled through the bookstore.

"Since she's going to live with his people—and how foolish that is of her," remarked one, "household stuff is out of the question. Books are certainly better. I think I'll get her that set of Stevenson we saw."

"You can't, my dear," said the other dictatorially. "You know the sitting room her mother-in-law is fitting up for her is in pale blue and gold. Those red covers would look ludicrous on the tables or shelves. Get her that sweet little set of devotional works bound in turquoise kid."

"But she goes in for agnosticism and advance and all that," objected the first woman.

"Agnosticism fiddlesticks! Do you think that when it comes to a question of effect she would rather have Huxley and Darwin in mustard yellow or Drummond and Mrs. Havegal in blue and silver?"

Whereupon the devotional books were purchased to harmonize with the bride's rooms, though they clashed with her views.—New York Journal.

Palissy's Tenacity.

Bernard Palissy, the discoverer of the white enamel, out of whose enterprise grew the great factories of Sevres and Dresden, spent 16 years in discovering his secret—years of privation, persecution and hunger—which culminated in that well known episode of maintaining the furnace fire at the cost of sacrificing all the furniture of his humble home.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short miscellaneous advertisements inserted in this Department, in leaded Nonpariel type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Carolina Cooperage Co will be held at the office of the Company in Wilmington, on Monday, January 3rd, 1897. R. M. Nimocks, President. de 28 1t

For Christmas Presents the Atlantic Tea Co. will sell any of their line of fine Crockery, Glassware, Vases, &c., at bargain prices; also price of Teas and Coffees reduced for the Holidays. Give them a call at 618 North Fourth street. de 24 tf

Money made and time saved by new process for parching peanuts. I can roast large quantities at a time. It will pay you to let me roast for you. Write for particulars. A. E. Blake, Wilmington, N. C. de 23 tf

Ladies wanted to travel and appoint agents for old established house. Permanent position; $40 per month and all expenses. Z., Box 88, Philadelphia. de 18 D&W tf

Tonsorial Parlor—Shaving and Hair Dressing. Prompt and polite attention. Hair cut 20 cents, shave (without Bay Rum) 10 cents. Wm. Tienken, 17 Princess street. de 17 1m

A word to the wise is sufficient. The best Fruit and Confectioneries, served daintily, can be found at Andrew Mavonichols, 705 North Fourth street, Bell 'Phone 846, Inter-State 191. A large shipment of fine Jamaica Bananas just received. dec 16 tf

Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. head Rice, choice Hay and all kinds of feed, Lowest prices. Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 98. Inter-State Phone No. 92. de 9 tf

For best prices and prompt returns ship your Country Produce to M. C. Benson, 106 Dock street. Beef Cattle, Milch Cows and Pork a specialty. dec 1 tf

Where can I ship country produce to the best advantage is a question that is puzzling you. Settle it by shipping to L. Tate Bowden, 6 Princess street. Careful handling and prompt returns. Eggs for the city trade. no 30 tf

Country Merchants—You will find it to your interest to ship your Produce, Poultry, Eggs, etc., to H. J. Bierman, Produce Commission Merchant, 105 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 28 tf

Hayden, F. H., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skilful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. no 25 tf

Photographs—For finest quality, latest styles, best material, finest finish, lowest prices, call on U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street, Wilmington, N. C. Cloudy weather makes no difference. oc 29 tf

Always Reliable—The best and freshest goods at lowest market prices. Cabbage, Apples, Butter, Bananas, Crackers, Candies, Lemons, Potatoes, etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to ask my prices before placing their order. A. S. Winstead, 115 Second street. Phone 208. nov 21 tf

PIANOS.

We are ready for Christmas with the most varied and

Complete Stock of Pianos

ever exhibited in the city. Every Instrument has been

Carefully Selected

and the prices are in reach of all.

E. VAN LAER,

402 North Fourth street.

Open evenings. de 15 tf

Liverpool and American SALT.

Any weight sacks, coarse or fine, fresh packing. A large stock

Bagging and Ties,

which we offer at lowest market prices.

Groceries

in quantities sufficient to fill orders promptly. Correspondence solicited.

Hall & Pearsall,

Nutt and Mulberry streets.

au 10 D&W tf

THIS MACHINE NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 999,999—PRICE 60C.

A-4 BAND MACHINE NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 9,999—PRICE 40C.

Start the New Year with an eye to business and economy by placing your order with us for your supply of Rubber Stamps. They are no longer a luxury but a necessity.

Wilmington Stamp Works.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Bell Phone 240 de 19 tf

Combination Bicycle FOR SALE!

A Combination "Crusader" Bicycle, for either lady or gentleman. Cushion Tires. Brand new. Will be sold cheap. Call in person, or address M., at STAR OFFICE

ap 7 tf

Onward, March!

Is the command given to the manufacturers of Stoves, and right nobly they have obeyed it. There is scarcely a better Stove in the market than the

Magic Air Tight or the Regal Franklin.

Perhaps there is none better, and we won't take time to enlarge on their merit.

Our PENINSULAR STEEL RANGE and NEW PROCESS OIL HEATER are still in the lead.

Holiday present seekers will find it to their interest to give us a call before making their purchases. A full line of Pocket and Table Cutlery, Prune Knives, &c.

J. W. Murchison,

Orton Building, Wilmington, N. C.

de 19 tf

A Complete and Varied

STOCK OF

Drugs, Druggists' Sundries,

CHEMICALS,

Proprietary Medicines,

Seeds for the Season, Etc., Etc

ROBERT R. BELLAMY,

Wholesale and Retail Druggist,

no 14 tf Wilmington, N. C.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our Year's work has been hard; but the results are very gratifying. We sincerely thank our friends and the general public for their liberal patronage.

AND

Earnestly soliciting a continuation and increase of same, we wish you all the joy, happiness and pleasure the season brings; also,

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Respectfully,

MERCER & EVANS.

H. C. Evan's old stand. dec 25 tf

Vollers & Hashagen,

BROKERS AND MANUFACTURERS' DISTRIBUTING AGENTS.

Provisions,
Lard,
Sugars,
Flours,
Grain,
Hay.

We are sole Agents for Powell, Smith & Co.'s celebrated brands of Cigars:

Renown
Smokettes,
Cuban Blossom,

We sell at Wholesale only and solicit inquiries as to prices in car lots and less

Office and warehouses A. C. Line tracks, Nutt St., Wilmington, N. C.

de 18 tf

FIREWORKS TO BURN

If you want a pound of

Nice Candy, we have it.

If you want a pound of

Cheap Candy, we have it.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,

B. F. KING, Manager.

Bell Phone 387. Fourth Street Bridge.

de 24 tf

At the Unlucky Corner

PLENTY OF FAT

Turkeys and Celery.

CUT PRICES THIS WEEK ON

Pure Leaf Lard.

S. W. SANDERS.

de 15 tf

Dividend Notice.

A DIVIDEND OF 3 PER CENT. HAS BEEN declared by the Board of Directors of the Carolina Insurance Company payable on January 5th, 1898, to all stockholders of record on January 1st, 1898.

M. S. WILLARD, Secretary.

de 23 2t th tu

WORTH & WORTH

OFFER FOR SALE

Finest Seed Oats

handled in years.

Flour, Bacon, Sugar,

Lard, Molasses,

MEAL, SALT, LIME, CEMENT,

Plaster, Hay, Corn, Hoop Iron,

OATS, RIVETS, GLUE,

Bagging and Ties

AT Low Prices.

no 7 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Frank H. Stedman,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Fire and Tornado Insurance.

Your business is solicited and

Satisfaction Guaranteed,

OFFICE AT

Wilmington Savings & Trust Company.

Telephone No. 162 de 3 tf

Notice.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, made at the September term, 1897, in a cause pending wherein Martha F. Maender, executrix, is plaintiff, and F. Meier et al, are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock m., on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the county of New Hanover, aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Market street 60 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Market and Fifteenth streets, and running thence along said line of Market street westwardly 31 feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the northern line of Meadow street, thence eastwardly along said line of Meadow street and parallel with Market street 30 feet, and thence northwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the beginning, the same being a part of the eastern ends of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 497, according to the plan of said city.

This the 9th day of December, 1897.

ROBERT C. ORRELL, Commissioner.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. dec 19 30t

FOR RENT.

TWO HOUSES ON SIXTH BETWEEN Dock and Orange. Modern improvements.

House on Dock between Seventh and Eighth Sts.
House on Eighth between Market and Princess streets. Modern improvements.
House on Princess between Ninth and Tenth streets.
House on Third between Walnut and Red Cross streets.
Two Stores on Water street.
Store corner Fourth and Nun streets.
House on Princess between Fifth and Sixth streets. Modern improvements.
House on Second between Dock and Orange streets with ten rooms.

Apply to D. O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent.

de 15 tf

Money to Lend.

THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE EIGHTH SERIES OF THE

N. C. Home Building Association

is payable on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st., and all who desire stock should secure it at once.

Any one desiring to borrow money on easy terms should avail themselves of this opportunity. Money lent either on Stock of the Association or Real Estate.

Frank H. Stedman,

dec 8 tf Secretary and Treasurer.

WANTED,

Immediate shipments of

Coon, O'Possum,
Fox, Mink, Otter
and other Fur.

Highest cash prices paid for same. No commission or freight charged.

SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,

13 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

de 18 tf

NOTICE!

FIFTY HEAD OF

Horses and Mules

Just received to day, and you bet your life you can buy them cheap this week. Don't miss this chance.

F. T. MILLS,

de 24 tf 112 and 114 North Water St.

For Rent.

HOUSE ON NINTH BETWEEN Church and Castle streets. Four rooms water and good yard room in rear.

D. O'CONNOR.

oc 7 tf

Free Silver.

100 Cases (5c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases (10c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases Good Luck Powder.
25 Cases Rex Powder.
25 Cases Blue Ribbon Powder.
25 Cases Horsford's.

We ship at lowest delivered prices in quantities.

W. B. COOPER,

Wholesale Grocer,

D&W dec 19 tf Wilmington, N. C.

D. O'Connor,

REAL ESTATE AGENT, WILMINGTON, N. C. Stores, Offices and Dwellings for rent. Houses and Lots for sale on easy terms. Rents, taxes and insurance attended to promptly. Money Loaned on improved city real estate. sep 6 tf

Printer Wanted.

A young man who has had experience as compositor on daily papers, and who has good recommendations, may secure a situation as Two-Thirder by applying promptly at the STAR OFFICE.

de 19 3t

Balance of Stock of

Christmas Goods

Less Than Cost.

Parties buying Presents for Christmas Entertainments will do well to see us.

THE GRREATEST BARGAINS IN CAPES.

$ 3.00	PLUSH CAPES,	$2 25
5.00	" "	3 00
7.50	" "	4.25
10 00	" "	6 50

CAPES, Trimmed with Braid and Fur, 50c up

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

de 28 tf NEAR FOURTH STREET BRIDGE.

A. D. BROWN,

Successor to BROWN & RODDICK,

No. 29 North Front St.

"ONE PRICE TO ALL" has been our motto since 1865, and we attribute our success to the unswerving adherance to it. We will not break price for any one. Some times we have goods that stay too long with us and then we cut the price and offer them to every one at GREAT SACRIFICE.

A Few Specialties.

Crash Towelling worth 5 cents at 3 cents per yard.
Novelty Dress Goods worth 50 cents at 40 cents per yard.
Drap Ete Dress Goods worth $1.25 at $1.00 per yard.
New line Percales at 12½ cents per yard.

Christmas Goods.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Bric a Brac, Neckwear, Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves, Parasols and Umbrellas Call and see our line.

This Week

Gentlemen's heavy Grey Underwear worth $1 50, only 98c each.
Gentlemen's All Wool (light weight) Underwear in Ecru worth $1 25, only 98c each.
Ladies' light weight Vests and Pants, only 98c each.
Ladies' non shrinking Vests and Pants, Grey, only 98c each.
A good Cotton Carpet, yard wide, for 25 cents per yard,
Union Carpeting 35 cents per yard.
A good Brussels Carpet for 55 cents per yard.

de 25 tf

Christmas Festivities

Are enhanced for both old and young by the firelight's cheerful warmth and glow. Imagine what a dreary yuletide celebration it would be without a good fire made from our

BANNER COAL,

that is without slag or slate, and will either roast your turkey or disseminate its cheerful warmth over your home in first-class style.

Coal for household and kitchen use is not half as expensive as wood.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Bell Telephones 64 and 94. Inter-State 146.

de 21 tf

J. A. SPRINGER & CO

OURS IS NOT ESPECIALLY THANKSGIVING Coal nor Christmas Coal.

Better still, it is every day COAL, seven days to the week; particularly adapted to good cold weather, such as we are likely to have from this time on.

For high grade Hard Coal, both Red Ash and White Ash, in Egg Stove, Furnace and Range sizes, well screened and promptly delivered; also, for Tennessee Lump Coal. Your orders respectfully solicited. Our Coal will not only cook turkey in great shape, but is equally as good for cooking hog and hominy.

J A Springer & Co

de 19 tf

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

No. 9 North Front St.

We Boast of the Greatest Values We Offer

Never More Worthy Than Now.

STORE NOTES.

Is your thought on Lace Curtains? We can embody it for you here. Carpet stock now at its best! It's a busy spot at this writing. Got the parasol stock into shape; pressed to have you make your selections. Do you buy dress Linings here? We're equipped to serve you satisfactorily in linings at satisfactory prices. Here's a notion and ribbon stock to be proud of. They're little things, but little things count in this shop.

WE'RE PROUD OF OUR KID GLOVE STOCK.

We never lose a customer who once buys Kid Gloves here. We sell more Kid Gloves than all the rest of Wilmington combined. There are, of course, reasons for all this. But we will only mention one of them to-day: Our Ladies' Dollar Kid Gloves. Laces and buttons all warranted.

JACKETS AND CAPES ALWAYS

Quantities of them. Some going out; some coming in. We've cloak traders here from A to Z. Know where, when, what and how to buy; and best of all, know how to sell to the satisfaction of our customers. No "to get even" profits here; against our business principles. Fresh lots of top notch garments for you to pick from. Your dollars have great purchasing power in this store. $2 00 to $25.00.

HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR.

We're busy in this stock nearly all the time; the department gets fresh impetus from such items as these. Some wonder how it's done; others wonder why it's done. The how and the why matters little. The fact of its being done is sufficient for money-saving buyers. The best 25 cents Hose in the city.

Sole Agents for the Standard Patterns and W. B. Corsets. de 12 tf

STATEMENT OF ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of Business Dec. 15th, 1897, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$587,934 89	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	63 33	Surplus	55,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	55,000 00	Undivided profits	30,404 01—75 404 01
Banking House and Fixtures	1,000 00		49,501 01
Due from other Banks	219,336 57	Circulation	690,691 00
Cash on hand	68,394 10—287,692 57	Total Deposits	
Total	$940,595 59	Total	$940 595 59

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 15, '95.	Dec. 15, '96.	Dec. 15, '97.
Surplus and Net Profits	$52,000	$63,400	$75,400
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. de 24 tf

Xmas Novelties and Toys.

We have an extra large stock this year and have not the room to carry them over, consequently will have to dispose of same before the Holidays are over. A word to the wise is sufficient.

MYERS & LEWIS,

de 12 tf N. E. Corner Front and Market Streets.